

HB 2620 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands Assault in Third Degree to include intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing physical injury to hospital worker while worker is performing official duties. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Explanation of proposed amendment
- Possible deterrent effect of enhancing this offense
- Legislative history of Assault in the Third Degree

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

There are four levels of assault in Oregon: Assault in the Fourth Degree, usually an A misdemeanor; Assault in the Third Degree, usually a C felony; Assault in the Second Degree, a B felony; and Assault in the First Degree, an A felony. Assault in the Fourth Degree is committed when a person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes physical injury to another. There are a variety of acts included in Assault in the Third Degree, including intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing physical injury to an emergency medical services provider while the provider is performing official duties.

House Bill 2620 adds to Assault in the Third Degree intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing physical injury to a person working in a hospital while the worker is performing official duties. It also provides a definition for hospital.