

SB 960 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies requirements of law enforcement policy applicable to sexual assault forensic evidence kits. Requires policy to include provision reclassifying kit as "nonanonymous," when victim who did not previously participate in creation of sex assault report subsequently participates in creation of report.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, the Legislative Assembly required law enforcement agencies to adopt policies and procedures concerning the collection, submission for testing, retention and destruction of sexual assault forensic evidence kits. See Chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2016. In instances where a victim did not choose to participate in prosecuting the assailant, the legislation classified these kits as "anonymous kits" while prohibiting law enforcement agencies from submitting anonymous kits to the Oregon State Police for testing. Senate Bill 960 provides that law enforcement policies must require that a kit be classified as nonanonymous when a victim who did not previously participate in the creation of a report of sexual assault subsequently participates in the creation of a report. This reclassification will allow the kit to be submitted to the Oregon State Police for testing.