

## **HB 2721 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

House Bill 2721 expands the crime of assault in the third degree to include physical injury to flaggers and highway workers performing official duties.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact of the measure
- -1 amendment to remove Task Force

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Removes Task Force on Road Worker Safety

#### **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, such as intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing physical injury, by means other than a motor vehicle, to the operator of a taxi while the operator is in control of the taxi. House Bill 2721 expands Assault in the Third Degree to include intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing physical injury to a flagger or highway worker who is performing official duties. It also defines flagger and highway worker.