

SB 5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands definition of “athlete agent.” Requires additional athlete agent disclosures, including contact information, financial records, and past student athlete involvement. Allows reciprocal athlete agent registration and renewal. Enhances athletic director notification requirements. Increases student athlete protections.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the Legislature enacted House Bill 3296, which updated the statutes relating to student athlete agents. See ORS 702.005-702.065. HB 3296 modified the definition of “athlete agent” to include individuals attempting to represent student athletes for financial gain. It also required athlete agents to notify educational institutions in writing before initiating contact with a student athlete. Ongoing concerns with student athlete protections stem from reports of student athletes being disqualified from competition for unauthorized contact with agents.

Senate Bill 5 amends statues related to student athlete agents. It further broadens the definition of “athlete agent” to include individuals working as agents or on behalf of agents and requires the disclosure of additional information at the time of registration. In addition, SB 5 streamlines the registration process for athletic agents registered in other states and expands the circumstances under which athletic agents must notify the student's athletic director. Finally, SB 5 bans athletic agents from furnishing anything of value to student athletes, or persons connected with student athletes, prior to athletes entering a contract.