

HB 2142 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Suspends all licenses and permits held by person convicted of commercial sexual solicitation, promoting prostitution, or compelling prostitution. Requires convicted person provide list of licenses and permits to Court, under penalty of contempt of court. Specifies process by which Court, Department of Justice, and license issuing agency communicate and enact suspensions. Specifies permits and licenses may be suspended after January 1, 2018. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Adds crime of purchasing sex with a minor to provisions of measure.

BACKGROUND:

For several years, a bipartisan work group has met to address issues around commercial sexual exploitation of children. According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, it received over 300 calls originating in Oregon in 2016 that related to human trafficking, with 51 of those calls leading to cases of sex trafficking. The work group has examined several possible ways to combat supply-side of sex trafficking, specifically looking for effective disincentives for persons to purchase sex.

House Bill 2142 requires a court to suspend all licenses or permits held by a person convicted of commercial sexual exploitation, promoting prostitution, or compelling prostitution. This includes hunting licenses, fishing licenses, driving licenses, and professional licenses. The measure specifies the communication process between courts and agencies to implement the suspensions. HB 2142 requires the convicted person to supply the court with a list of all licenses and permits held by the person; failure to do so may result in contempt of court.