

HB 2740 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases age of trafficked person for use in commercial sex act from fifteen years of age to eighteen years of age within crime of trafficking in persons.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Revised Statute 163.266 is the crime of trafficking in persons. A person commits this crime when they knowingly recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain another person and 1) knows the other person will be subjected to involuntary servitude; 2) the person knows or recklessly disregards that force, fraud, or coercion will be used to cause the other person to engage in commercial sex acts; or 3) the person knows or recklessly disregards that the other person is under fifteen years of age and will be used in a commercial sex act. Trafficking in persons is a class A felony if it involves commercial sex acts and a class B felony if it involves involuntary servitude.

House Bill 2740 increases the age of the trafficked person from fifteen years of age to eighteen years of age, effectively removing the force, fraud, or coercion element for commercial sex acts by minors.