

SB 5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Courtney

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 02/14/17

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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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:

- Protects student athletes
- Clarifies who is an agent
- Creates uniformity across states
- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the Legislative Assembly 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 statutes relating to student athlete agents to bring Oregon law into conformity with other states. It further broadens the definition of "athlete agent" to include individuals working as agents and requires the disclosure of additional information at the time of registration. In addition, SB 5 streamlines the registration process for athlete agents registered in other states and expands the circumstances under which athlete agents must notify the student's athletic director. Finally, SB 5 bans athlete agents from furnishing anything of value to student athletes, or persons connected with student athletes, prior to athletes entering a contract.