

SB 247 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Taylor

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 03/13/17

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski

Exc: 1 - Thatcher

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Renames "deviate sexual intercourse" as "oral or anal sexual intercourse" for purposes of Oregon criminal law.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Relationship between "deviate" and "deviant;" negative connotation
- Non-substantive change

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Terminology associated with certain sex crimes has not been modified since the Oregon Criminal Code was written in 1971. Senate Bill 247 employs updated terminology in an effort to avoid the negative connotation associated with the word "deviate."