

SB 5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Post

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/25/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 11-0-0-0

Yeas: 11 - Barker, Gorsek, Greenlick, Lininger, Olson, Post, Sanchez, Sprenger, Stark, Vial, Williamson

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:

- Need for additional protections for student athletes
- Efforts to bring Oregon law into conformity with other states
- Concerns about unscrupulous agents
- Requirements to list additional individuals on disclosure form

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 3296, which updated the statutes relating to student athlete agents. 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 agents to notify educational institutions in writing before initiating contact with a student athlete. Ongoing concerns regarding 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 agents registered in other states and expands the circumstances under which agents must notify the student's athletic director. Finally, SB 5 prohibits agents from furnishing anything of value to a student athlete, or persons connected to the student athlete, for the purpose of inducing the athlete to enter a contract.