

SB 1559 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies whistleblower protections to require public employers to allow anonymous reports. Requires Oregon Department of Justice to develop a mandatory training program, and a manual describing implementation standards that must be consistent with Bureau of Labor and Industries' rules. Requires the Bureau of Labor and Industries to study whistleblowing activities and make recommendations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Development of measure
- Whether DOJ or BOLI should be responsible for training component

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] Clarifies that training program applies to entire executive department.

[-2 amendment] Incorporates -1 and substitutes Bureau of Labor and Industries for Department of Justice. Permits training modules and manual to be in electronic form. Requires manual to be publicly available on-line and specifies minimum information. Requires periodic review and update. Directs BOLI to collect data in cooperation with state agencies for submission of written report to legislature and governor by January 1st of odd-numbered years.

BACKGROUND: