

SB 686 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows a certified athlete agent to pay for certain expenses in connection with recruiting and signing student athletes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Clarifies that only bylaw changes adopted as of the effective date of the bill are incorporated in the authority granted by this bill.

BACKGROUND:

The Revised Uniform Athletes Agent Act, ORS 702.001 - 702.994, was adopted by the 2017 legislature. Among other things, the Act prohibits any payment to student-athletes as long as the student-athlete is eligible to play in a collegiate sport and acceptance of the benefits would cause the student-athlete to lose eligibility. The NCAA amended its bylaws on August 8, 2018. These amendments provide student-athletes with more freedom and flexibility to explore the possibility of going professional while retaining collegiate eligibility. Under the new bylaws, certified sports agents can cover limited expenses of a prospective or enrolled student-athlete and their family for meals, hotel and travel in connection with the agent selection process.

SB 686 incorporates the new NCAA bylaw amendments into the Revised Uniform Athletes Agents Act.