

**SB 606 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 4/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Replaces the measure. Creates a thirteen-member Domestic Violence Committee within the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission(CJC) and specifies membership composition. Provides that the Committee’s primary responsibility is to coordinate response services between state agencies and non-state organizations. The Committee is directed to advise the Governor and Legislative Assembly regarding best practices for domestic violence responses and provide training to state agencies. Directs the Committee to study criminal justice responses and prepare reports relating to current practices and resources available to agencies providing services to domestic violence victims and make recommendations for improvements. Directs the Committee to develop a technical assistance plan for agencies to develop multidisciplinary approaches to addressing domestic violence, including identifying training requirements and training opportunities. Requires the Committee to publish reports on critical domestic violence issues and engage in community outreach and education regarding domestic violence. Directs the Committee to meet at least once a month.

**BACKGROUND:**

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior in which one person in a relationship attempts to exert control over another. It can take many forms, including physical, sexual, emotional or economic abuse. Abuse can include threatening, putting someone down, or making them afraid, even if there is no physical violence. Abuse often worsens over time. According to statistics provided by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, almost 1/3 of Oregon women reported experiencing some kind of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, or physical assault. In 2014, Oregon sexual and domestic violence services received 131,050 calls for help. In 2013, 34 Oregonians were killed in 26 separate domestic violence incidents; 27 victims and 7 perpetrators were killed, and another 9 victims survived murder attempts, including a child under the age of 6. In 2013, approximately 40% of Oregon counties saw at least one domestic violence homicide. In 2013, perpetrators used guns in 63% of Oregon domestic violence homicides, and 83% of perpetrators who subsequently committed suicide killed themselves with guns.