

SB 1005 -2, -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 4/5, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to study relationship between sentences and recidivism rates. Directs that report and recommendations be made to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2020.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Increases membership on the Task Force on School Safety (Task Force) from 16 to 18 members. Requires that a representative from the Oregon Health Authority and a representative from the Office of Emergency Management be a member of the Task Force. Requires the committee submit a third report concerning the floor plan database in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than September 1, 2021. Takes effect July 1st, 2019

-3 Directs Department of Agriculture to promulgate rules regarding the testing, labeling, and regulation of kratom. Sets age limit for purchase of kratom products at 21. Prohibits kratom products containing certain levels of 7-hydroxymitragynine, synthetic kratom alkaloids, and other injurious or poisonous substances, including controlled substances. Creates civil and criminal penalties and allows for civil action by public. Provides definitions.

BACKGROUND:

Kratom or *Mitragyna speciosa* is a tree native to southeast Asia. When ingested, Kratom leaves can have an effect similar to both opioids and stimulants. Those using kratom often use it recreationally, to treat pain, or to limit the effects of opioid withdraw. However, there are a few scientific studies on the effects of kratom use or the effectiveness of treatments involving kratom. Kratom is not currently regulated at the federal level though several states have bans on the production and sale of kratom containing products.

Senate Bill 1005 directs the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to study the relationship between sentences and recidivism rates and report the findings and recommendation to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2020.

Oregon legislators created the Task Force on School Safety in 2014, bringing together policy makers from the Governor's office, Legislature, education, law enforcement, fire and rescue and public mental health to collectively focus on strengthening safety in Oregon schools. Since then, the Task Force has worked to share collective expertise, perspective and resources and to identify effective, sustainable school safety strategies. The Task Force established SafeOregon, the statewide tip line where students and parents can anonymously report threats to student safety. Reports to the tip line reveal that our students are struggling with significant challenges, such as bullying and harassment, suicide and self-harm and a variety of threats of violence - all in unacceptable numbers.

The Task Force is scheduled to sunset on December 31, 2019. House Bill 2005 -2 would provide the authority for the Task Force to continue until September 2021.