SB 415 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands list of mandatory reporters of child abuse to include school district board members, public charter school governing body members, and employees of the Oregon Department of Education.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interest in fixing oversight from original statute
- Incident in Springfield

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon specifically lists individuals who are required, by law, to report abuse as "mandatory reporters." In 2015, Senate Bill 622 included home care workers and personal support workers on the list of mandatory reporters. Other mandatory reporters include physicians, dentists, school employees, health care professionals, members of the clergy, attorneys, and child care providers.

Senate Bill 415 A adds school district board members, public charter school governing body members, and employees of the Oregon Department of Education to the list of mandatory reporters.