SB 478 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Capitol Culture

Action Date: 01/30/19

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be returned to President's desk for referral

to another committee.

Senate Vote

Yeas: 5 - Baertschiger Jr, Burdick, Fagan, Prozanski, Thatcher

Exc: 1 - Knopp

House Vote

Yeas: 6 - Boles, Fahey, Sanchez, Sprenger, Williamson, Wilson Fiscal: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued Revenue: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

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Meeting Dates: 1/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits use of campaign moneys and public moneys in connection with nondisclosure agreements relating to workplace harassment. Prohibits public official or candidate from using any moneys received from third party to make payments in connection with a nondisclosure agreement relating to workplace harassment, if harassment occurred when public official or candidate was acting as a public official or candidate. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Need to re-refer bill to President's desk

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law is silent on whether campaign funds or public funds may be used to make payments in connection with a nondisclosure agreement relating to workplace harassment. Senate Bill 478 would prohibit the practice. In addition, Senate Bill 478 would prohibit public officials or candidates from using money - from any third party - to make payments in connection with a nondisclosure agreement relating to workplace harassment, if the harassment occurred in the course of acting as a public official or candidate.