

SB 415 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Beyer

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 03/05/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting subsequent referral to Education be rescinded. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Fagan, Gelser, Heard, Knopp, Monnes Anderson

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/19, 3/5

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:

- Situations where a mandatory reporter is not required to report suspected abuse

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Expands list of mandatory reporters of child abuse to include employees of the Oregon Department of Education.

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.