



Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: SB 962

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SUMMARY

Directs certifying agencies to certify to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, within specified time, victim helpfulness in detecting, investigating or prosecuting qualifying criminal activity. Specifies certification procedures.

Directs certifying agencies to report annually to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to judiciary beginning June 1, 2020. Directs staff of interim committees related to judiciary to compile reports and provide to Oregon Criminal Justice Commission within 90 days. Directs commission to prepare comprehensive report within 90 days and submit report to interim committees related to judiciary. Sunsets reporting requirement on January 2, 2022.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure prohibits a certifying official or agency from waiving a public records exemption and releasing a request for certification that an individual is a victim of qualifying criminal activity and has been helpful in the investigation or prosecution of the criminal activity or from releasing a written response to the certification request.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could gain additional information related to certain crime victims and the help they have provided to law enforcement during the investigation and prosecution of those crimes.