

HB 2051 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Manning Jr

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 05/01/19

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Bentz, Fagan, Gelser, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/17, 4/18, 5/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Specifies that contents of reports to school safety tip line are not subject to disclosure in public records request unless disclosure is in public interest. Makes personally identifiable data exempt from disclosure. Requires person receiving tip line information to use information only for follow-up contact to obtain or provide further information. Specifies that personally identifiable information may be disclosed to the tip line staff, relevant educational institution, law enforcement, or service provider. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Tip line background
- Recommendation of School Safety Task Force
- Success of tip line dependent on confidentiality and trust
- Desire to have data on actions taken by school districts and schools based on tips
- Process to develop data collection process
- Interim project by Oregon State Police to develop process for reporting back data

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Police contracts with a vendor to provide a 24-hour school-safety report program, called "SafeOregon Tip Line." Tips may be submitted by parents, students, staff, or community members and can be submitted in a number of ways, including via e-mail, app, voice, or text. Once a tip is received, the information is assessed and the school is contacted. The person reviewing the information may also contact law enforcement.

House Bill 2051 A specifies that information that is shared by a person making a tip is not subject to disclosure under Oregon's public records laws unless it is in the public's interest to disclose it. Personally identifiable data is given an exemption from disclosure regardless of the circumstances. HB 2051 A allows sharing of information as necessary for follow-up contact or to provide further information amongst the tip line staff, the relevant school authorities, a service provider, such as a mental health counselor, and law enforcement. HB 2051 A allows the State Police to share information in a summary or aggregate report that does not include personally identifiable information.