

HB 4145 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates a Class A misdemeanor crime of unlawfully threatening a school or place of worship. States the crime of unlawfully threatening a school or place of worship is a Class C Felony when a defendant has certain prior convictions for similar conduct. Requires court to include conditions for any person sentenced to a term of supervised probation, a requirement that the person participate in a mental health evaluation as directed by the supervising officer and follow the recommendation of the evaluator.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, Oregon criminal statutes prohibit certain behaviors and speech that unlawfully cause public alarm or disturbance as well as threatening behavior directed at individuals or public gatherings. However, school or places of worship are not specifically distinguished from other protected person's or places and are not currently considered aggravators to any existing crimes relating to public threats or alarm.

HB 4145 creates a new crime of unlawfully threatening a school or place of worship that specifically targets threats made against a school or place of worship.