

SB 176 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

**Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation**

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates exceptions to certain privileges in elderly and adult abuse proceedings.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Aligns with exceptions for child abuse
- Applies to vulnerable adults
- Elder abuse becoming more common
- Consistent with other exceptions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon statutes provide limitations on the admissibility of certain evidence based on privilege between the parties involved. Examples of privilege include psychotherapist-patient privilege, the physician-patient, and the spousal privilege.

Senate Bill 176 creates exceptions to certain privileges in proceedings involving allegations or reports of elder or adult abuse.