

HB 2746 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 03/30/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-1-0

Yeas: 9 - Bynum, Dexter, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Noble, Power, Wallan, Wilde

Exc: 1 - Helm

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/23, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Justice to develop, implement, and administer a statewide Hope Card Program for the issuance of information cards regarding eligible civil protection orders. Requires Department of Justice to develop rules for administration of Hope Card Program in consultation with Oregon Indian tribes, the Oregon State Police, the State Court Administrator, representatives of victim service organizations, and other appropriate entities.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Hope card is not a replacement for validation of order by law enforcement
- Provides relevant information for petitioner and law enforcement
- Other states that have implemented similar programs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon statutes provide several categories of protection orders for individuals meeting certain qualifying risk factors and/or circumstances. Once granted, these orders impose restrictions on contact between the petitioner and an identified respondent. Specifically, Oregonians may apply for one of the following protection orders that may prohibit the respondent from certain types of contact and proximity to the petitioner: Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Abuse Prevention Act (EPPDAPA) Restraining Orders; Family Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA) Restraining Orders; Sexual Abuse Protection Orders (SAPO); and Stalking Protection Orders.

House Bill 2746 A, through the creation of the Hope Card Program, provides that the petitioner of a court-ordered protection order will be provided a compact card containing information relevant to and necessary for confirming the existence of said protection order.