

HB 4110 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 02/10/22

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

Vote: 8-0-2-0

Yeas: 8 - Bynum, Dexter, Helm, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Power, Wallan

Exc: 2 - Noble, Wilde

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/3, 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Task Force on Victim Access to Police Records and identifies task force membership. Requires the task force to develop recommendations for standards, processes and timelines for a victim to request and obtain records from a law enforcement entity. Requires task force to make recommendations to improve crime victims' access to law enforcement records. Directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office Director to appoint support staff to the task force. Directs the task force to submit a report and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly no later than November 1, 2022. Declares an emergency effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Complexity of criminal justice system
- Crime victim rights
- Reducing barriers to information
- Trauma-informed processes and procedures

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Under the Oregon Constitution, in adult criminal proceedings, a crime victim has the right, upon request, to obtain information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, criminal history and future release from physical custody of the criminal defendant or convicted criminal. The same right is provided by statute. However, with the exception of a victim of a collision involving a defendant alleged to have been under the influence of intoxicants while driving, a crime victim does not have a statutory or constitutional right to receive a copy of reports relating to the crime.

House Bill 4110 A establishes the Task Force on Victim Access to Police Records to improve crime victims' access to law enforcement records and develop recommendations for standards, processes and timelines for a victim to request and obtain those records.