

SB 1560 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines "Noncitizen" as an individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States. Directs state agencies to use the term "noncitizen" instead of the term "alien" in rules and regulations. Directs state agencies to update language within six months of measure being enacted. Changes the term "alien" to "noncitizen" in state statute.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Power of words
- Removing dehumanizing language; divisive and hurtful narratives
- Federal lexicon
- Vilifying immigrants and asylum seekers with the term "alien"

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Allows an executive branch agency to amend a rule without prior notice or hearing if the amendment is solely for the purpose of changing a term or phrase in order to conform with a change prescribed by law.

BACKGROUND:

Various entities at both the federal and state levels have moved away from the term "alien" in recent years in an effort to modernize their laws. Senate Bill 1560 would change the term "alien" to "noncitizen" in Oregon rules, regulations and statute.