

**SB 1560 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Jama

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

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**Action Date:** 02/14/22

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 7-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Dembrow, Gelser Blouin, Heard, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/9, 2/14

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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. Defines "noncitizen" as an individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States. 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.

**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:**

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. Separately, the Administrative Procedures Act (ORS 183), which governs the executive branch rulemaking process, currently has several exceptions to the prior notice and hearing requirement, including: changing the name of an agency by reason of a name change prescribed by law; changing the name of a program, office or division within an agency as long as the change in name does not have a substantive effect on the functions of the program, office or division; and correcting addresses or telephone numbers referred to in the rules.

Senate Bill 1560 A would change the term "alien" to "noncitizen" in Oregon rules, regulations and statute, and would allow executive branch agencies to 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.