

SB 790 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds the infliction of corporal punishment and use of restraint and seclusion on students, when in violation of existing laws, to the definition of child abuse.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Law (ORS 419B.005) defines child abuse as negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child, any assault of a child and any physical injury to a child which has been caused by other than accidental means, any sexual abuse of a child, any mental injury to a child, threatened harm to a child or subjecting a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare, unlawful exposure to a controlled substance, buying or selling a person under 18 years of age, and permitting a person under 18 years of age to enter or remain in or upon premises where methamphetamines are being manufactured.

Senate Bill 790 would add the restraint or seclusion and infliction of corporal punishment on a student to the definition of child abuse.