

SB 1028 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands the definition of child abuse to include verbal abuse; defines verbal abuse.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon child abuse reporting statute (ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050) identifies the types of conduct that constitute child abuse:

- criminal assault or any physical injury to a child caused by other than accidental means, including any injury at variance with the explanation given for it;
- any observable and substantial mental injury caused by cruelty to a child;
- rape or sexual abuse: Commission of a crime enumerated in the statute;
- sexual exploitation, including any use of a child in a live or recorded erotic performance, or allowing a child to participate in an act of prostitution;
- negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child;
- threatened harm to a child;
- buying or selling a child;
- permitting a child to enter or remain in a place where methamphetamines are being manufactured; and
- unlawful exposure to a controlled substance that subjects a child to a substantial risk of harm.

Senate Bill 1028 defines verbal abuse and expands the definition of child abuse to include verbal abuse.