

SB 1030 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Judicial Department to study child welfare investigations and aligning rights and procedural protections of parents and children with those afforded to defendants in criminal proceedings and report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024. Modifies offense of making false report of child abuse. Punishes first offense by maximum of 364 days' imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both. Punishes second or subsequent offense by maximum of five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both. Creates civil cause of action for false report of child abuse.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, making a false report of child abuse is a Class A violation (ORS 419B.016). A person commits the offense of making a false report of child abuse if, with the intent to influence a custody, parenting time, visitation or child support decision, a person makes a false report of child abuse to the Department of Human Services or a law enforcement agency, knowing that the report is false; or with the intent that a public or private official make a report of child abuse to the Department of Human Services or a law enforcement agency, makes a false report of child abuse to the public or private official, knowing that the report is false.

Senate Bill 1030 modifies offense of making false report of child abuse and requires the Judicial Department to study child welfare investigations.