

**HB 2819 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Tran

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 03/11/25

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

**Vote:** 8-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Andersen, Chaichi, Chotzen, Kropf, Lewis, Mannix, Tran, Wallan

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** Has minimal revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/5, 3/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes the State Forester or a person authorized by the State Forester to issue citations for fire protection violations not witnessed firsthand if reasonable grounds exist based on information received, scene investigation, or a witness statement.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Definition of enforcement officer
- Types of violations included
- Whether an unwitnessed violation can be cited

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

The amendment redefines an enforcement officer to mean the State Forester or a person authorized by the State Forester.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon law allows an enforcement officer to issue a violation citation only if the conduct takes place in the presence of the enforcement officer and the enforcement officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the conduct constitutes a violation. House Bill 2819A allows the State Forester, or person authorized by the State Forester, to issue a citation without personally witnessing the conduct of a fire protection law violation.