

SB 1121 A -A5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure creates a Class B misdemeanor for unlawful disclosure of private information. A person commits the offense if they knowingly disclose another person’s personal information without consent, with the intent to stalk, harass, or injure that person, and the disclosure results in harm, harassment, or stalking. Defines “personal information” to include home address, contact information, Social Security number, photos of a child, and school information, among other data. The measure also adds an exemption to the Oregon Consumer Privacy Act for noncommercial educational broadcast stations that receive funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting or serve as national or state emergency alert entry points and distribute journalism content without cost to recipients.

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 29; Excused, 1

Fiscal: Minimal impact

Revenue: Minimal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Compliance with Oregon Consumer Privacy Act
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A5 The amendment replaces the measure. It creates a Class B misdemeanor for unlawful disclosure of private information. A person commits the offense if they knowingly disclose another person’s personal information without consent, with the intent to stalk, injure, or cause damage to the person’s property, and the disclosure results in stalking, injury, or property damage. Defines “personal information” to include home address, personal email, phone number, Social Security number, employer or family member contact information, photos of a child, and the name of a child’s school. The amendment also adds a provision to the Oregon Consumer Privacy Act (OCPA) that allows a controller that is a noncommercial educational broadcast station to cure a violation within 30 days after receiving notice from the Attorney General if they receive funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting or act as a primary entry point and distribute journalism content without cost to consumers. The amendment declares an emergency for the OCPA provision, effective upon passage and repealed on July 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law currently allows individuals to bring a civil action under ORS 30.835 if someone knowingly discloses their personal information without consent, intending to stalk, harass, or injure, and the disclosure results in harm. However, there is no corresponding criminal offense. Senate Bill 1121 -A5 creates a Class B misdemeanor for unlawful disclosure of private information. A person commits the offense if they knowingly disclose another person’s personal information without consent, with the intent to stalk, injure, or cause property damage, and the disclosure results in stalking, injury, or property damage. “Personal information” includes a home address, personal email, phone number, Social Security number, employer or family contact details, photos of a child, and the name of a child’s school. The measure also amends the Oregon Consumer Privacy Act (OCPA), enacted in 2023, which establishes rights for consumers to access, correct, delete, and limit the use of their personal data. OCPA applies to certain businesses and nonprofits that control or process personal data and includes exemptions for specific activities. SB 1121 -A5 adds a targeted exemption allowing noncommercial educational broadcast

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stations to cure an OCPA violation within 30 days of notice from the Attorney General if they receive Corporation for Public Broadcasting funding or serve as emergency alert entry points and provide journalism content at no cost. This provision takes effect upon passage and is repealed July 1, 2026.

PRELIMINARY