74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Judiciary

MEASURE: CARRIER:

HB 3336 A **Rep. Gelser**

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FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued		
Action:		Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:		8 - 0 - 1
	Yeas:	Bonamici, Cameron, Flores, Komp, Krieger, Read, Whisnant, Macpherson
	Nays:	0
	Exc.:	Barker
Prepared By:		Ellen Osoinach, Counsel
Meeting Dates:		4/3, 4/27

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates the Task Force on Mental Retardation in Capital Cases.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Examples of legislation from other states

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: In 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court held that the execution of persons with mental retardation violates the Eighth Amendment's ban on cruel and unusual punishment. The Court specifically delegated to the states the task of developing ways to enforce this constitutional restriction.

HB 3336 A makes legislative findings related to the Supreme Court's decision and creates a task force to produce a report with recommendations for legislation in this area. The Task Force has four members appointed by the Governor. The members represent prosecutors, defense attorneys, a representative from the Oregon Advocacy Center, and the Department of Justice.