

SB 921 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands list of mandatory reporters of child abuse to include hotel and innkeepers. Modifies requirement for processor of photographic images or computer technician to report visual recording of child involved in sexually explicit conduct so that it is immediate and made to three different agencies.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon specifically lists individuals who are required, by law, to report suspected abuse. They are called "mandatory reporters." In 2015, Senate Bill 622 included home care workers and personal support workers on the list of mandatory reporters. Other mandatory reporters include physicians, dentists, school employees, health care professionals, members of the clergy, attorneys, and child care providers. Senate Bill 921 adds hotel and innkeepers to the list of mandatory reporters.

Computer technicians and individuals who process photographic images are required to report sexually explicit content they discover that involves children. Reports of this kind must be made to law enforcement, or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children via its CyberTipline, or to the Department of Human Services (DHS). Senate Bill 921 requires such reports to be communicated immediately to all three entities in the manner required pursuant to Oregon's mandatory reporting laws.