

HB 2932 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires courts to provide a defendant additional time to consider a decision to enter a plea of guilty or no contest after informing the defendant of potential immigration consequences relating to criminal convictions. Prohibits courts from inquiring into a defendant's immigration status or requiring a defendant to disclose the defendant's immigration status at any time during a criminal proceeding. Adds to ORS 135.385 that courts notify a defendant that a criminal conviction may result in removal proceedings for non-citizens of the United States.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 135.385 requires courts, prior to accepting a plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge, inform the defendant of certain rights and consequences associated with a defendant's entry of a plea. Included in the statute is the requirement that a court notify the defendant that if they are not a citizen of the United States a conviction of a crime may result in deportation or exclusion from admission into the United States.

House Bill 2932 prohibits inquiry into a defendant's citizenship status at any time during a criminal proceeding.