

HB 3336 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides that individual providing preferred name to police officer instead of name on government-issued identification document does not commit crime of giving false information. Defines preferred name.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under ORS 162.385 it is a crime to give a false or fictitious name to a police in connection with a warrant or citation. Also, under ORS 807.620 it is a crime to give a false or fictitious name to a police officer who is enforcing a motor vehicle law. Under either section, giving false information is a Class A misdemeanor.

HB 3336 provides that it is not a violation of either ORS 162.385 or 807.620 for a person to give a preferred name to police instead of providing his or her legal name. A preferred name is defined as one that the person regularly uses for the purpose of gender expression, to avoid risks to personal safety, for professional or official purposes, or as a nickname or Anglicized form of the name on the person's government-issued identification document.