

SB 686 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows a certified athlete agent to pay for certain expenses in connection with recruiting and signing student-athletes by incorporating National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) bylaws adopted on or before January 1, 2019 into the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act, ORS 702.001 - 702.994, was adopted by the 2017 Legislative Assembly. Among other things, the Act prohibits any payment to student-athletes as long as the student-athlete is eligible to play in a collegiate sport and acceptance of the benefits would cause the student-athlete to lose eligibility. The NCAA amended its bylaws on August 8, 2018, to provide student-athletes with more flexibility to explore the possibility of going professional while retaining collegiate eligibility. Under the new bylaws, certified sports agents can cover limited expenses of a prospective or enrolled student-athlete and their family for meals, hotel, and travel in connection with the agent selection process. These changes to the NCAA bylaws apply only to student-athletes in basketball.

Senate Bill 686 A incorporates the new NCAA bylaw amendments into the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act.