

HB 2746 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs State Court Administrator to establish the Hope Card Program for issuance of information cards to persons who are protected by restraining orders. Provides that the Hope Card Program shall provide those petitioners issued a restraining order a card contain certain information related to the restraining order, including, the identifying information and characteristics of the person subject to the restraining order, the case number, the issuance and expiration date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces the measure. Directs the Department of Justice shall develop, implement and administer a statewide Hope Card Program for the issuance of information cards regarding eligible civil protection orders. States that the department shall, in consultation with Oregon Indian tribes, the Oregon State Police, the State Court Administrator, representatives of victim service organizations and other appropriate entities, shall adopt rules for the administration of the Hope Card Program.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon statutes provide several categories of protection orders for individuals meeting certain qualifying risk factors and/or circumstances. Once granted, these orders impose restrictions on contact between the petitioner and an identified respondent. Specifically, Oregonians may apply for one of the following protection orders that may prohibit the respondent from certain types of contact and proximity to the petitioner: Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Abuse Prevention Act (EPPDAPA) Restraining Orders; Family Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA) Restraining Orders; Sexual Abuse Protection Orders (SAPO); and, Stalking Protection Orders.

HB 2746, through the creation of the Hope Card Program, provides that the petitioner of a court ordered protection order will be provided a compact card containing information relevant to and necessary for the enforcement of said protection order.