HB 3071 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Leif

House Committee On Human Services

Action Date:	03/22/21
Action:	Do Pass.
Vote:	7-0-0
Yeas:	7 - Leif, Noble, Owens, Ruiz, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams
Fiscal:	Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue:	No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates:	2/22, 3/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands the definition of public or private official to include all elected officials as mandated to report suspected abuse.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A mandatory reporter is a person who is legally required to report reasonably suspected abuse of any child they come into direct contact with, to the relevant authorities. Mandatory reporters include social workers, teachers, health care workers, child care providers, law enforcement, mental health professionals, and other educators and medical professionals. Mandatory reporting requirements exist to prevent abuse and to help end abuse at the earliest possible opportunity. Oregon does not currently require all elected officials to report suspected abuse: only the members of the Legislative Assembly.

House Bill 3071 modifies the definition of public or private official, with a mandatory duty to report suspected abuse, to include all state and local elected officials.