

SB 176 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

**Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation**

Action Date: 03/25/21

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 4-3-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Manning Jr, Prozanski

Nays: 3 - Heard, Linthicum, Thatcher

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/17, 3/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates exceptions to certain privileges in elderly and adult abuse proceedings.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Alignment with exceptions for admissibility of evidence in child abuse proceedings
- Applies to vulnerable adults
- Elder abuse becoming more common
- Consistent with other privilege exceptions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon statutes provide limitations on the admissibility of certain evidence based on privilege between the parties involved. Examples of privilege include psychotherapist-patient privilege, the physician-patient, and the spousal privilege.

Senate Bill 176 creates exceptions to certain privileges in proceedings involving allegations or reports of elder or adult abuse.