

SB 565 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Wallan

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 05/06/21

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Bynum, Dexter, Helm, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Noble, Power, Wallan, Wilde

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/29, 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Includes person found guilty except for insanity within definition of slayer for purposes of gaining monetary benefit, such as inheritance or status as beneficiary of insurance policy. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Example of mother receiving settlement following child's death for which mother would have been found criminally responsible except for insanity
- Existing prohibitions on slayers benefiting from death

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law prohibits a person who, with felonious intent, takes the life of another from collecting on insurance policies where the slayer was named the beneficiary. A slayer is also treated as having pre-deceased the slain person and so cannot inherit from that person.

Senate Bill 565 A includes persons found guilty except for insanity and juveniles found responsible except for insanity within the definition of slayer.