

HB 2759 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides that person that knows or consciously avoids knowing that another person is engaging in act or practice that violates laws that regulate telephone solicitations or use of automatic dialing and announcing devices and nonetheless provides substantial assistance or support for violation is liable for loss and subject to penalty to same extent as person that engaged in violation. Punishes violation as unlawful practice under Unlawful Trade Practices Act. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's anti-robocall statutes, ORS 646.569 and ORS 646A.374, prohibit calling someone on a do-not-call list and making scam robocalls. It is common for robocalls to originate outside the United States, using gateway providers and intermediate telemarketing providers to reach consumers. As a result, it is difficult to enforce current law when violations occur.

House Bill 2759 amends anti-robocall statutes to hold a telecommunications company, who knows or consciously avoids knowing, that another person is engaging in a practice that violates anti-robocall statute, liable for any loss and subject to any penalty for the violation to the same extent as the person that engaged in the act.