

**SB 210 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Human Services**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to study exceptions to mandatory abuse reporting requirements for department employees that provide assistance to victims of domestic abuse and report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024. Permits disclosure of certain DHS records for the purposes of making a report of suspected abuse. Sunsets January 2, 2025.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

- 1 Removes requirement for Department of Human Services to study necessary exceptions to mandatory abuse reporting requirements.
- 2 Clarifies that information received by the department of Human Services when victims of domestic violence apply for or receive TANF can be disclosed for the purposes of making a report of suspected abuse.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon Law prohibits the Department of Human Services to disclose or use the contents of any public assistance records, files, papers or communications and considers these records confidential (ORS 411.320).

Senate Bill 210 would