

HB 2764 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Action Date: 03/16/23

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. Refer to Ways and Means. (Printed B-Eng).

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Bonham, Hansell, Jama, Patterson, Taylor

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/14, 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Missing Endangered Person Alert System (system). Directs Superintendent of State Police to establish task force to design system. Directs Department of State Police to implement system as component of missing children and adults clearinghouse. Outlines criteria to be used to determine when endangered person alerts may be issued and terminated. Provides immunity from liability for persons, organizations, or entities that are involved in dissemination of alerts. Defines terms.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Explanation of Amber Alerts and Silver Alerts
- Role of task force in developing Endangered Missing Person Alert System
- Need for Endangered Missing Person Alert System

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Police (OSP) maintain an online database of over 1,300 missing persons in Oregon, known as the Missing Children/ Adults Clearinghouse. The database lists the missing person's county of residence at time of disappearance, the date when they were last seen, age when they were last seen, and their current age. A person is considered missing when their whereabouts are unknown, regardless of circumstance; they are added to the database once they are reported to a law enforcement agency. OSP is also the lead agency in Oregon for the America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response Plan, better known as Amber Alert, which is an initiative of the U.S. Department of Justice and operates as a voluntary partnership between law enforcement, broadcasters, and transportation agencies to activate urgent bulletins in certain child abduction cases.

House Bill 2764 B establishes the Missing Endangered Person Alert System.