

**HB 2593 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Morgan

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 03/21/23

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 9-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Andersen, Chaichi, Conrad, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Reynolds, Tran, Wallan

**Exc:** 1 - Bynum

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** Has minimal revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/1, 3/21

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies crime of offensive littering; provides that offensive littering is a Class B violation unless the person intentionally and impermissibly discards refuse of one cubic foot or more, in which case it is a Class C misdemeanor.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current law and enforcement of the law
- Reducing workload of district attorneys and courts
- Reason for cubic foot as point for escalation of crime

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Currently, pursuant to ORS 164.805, the crime of offensive littering is a Class C misdemeanor, regardless of the volume of refuse a person discards. House Bill 2593 modifies the crime of offensive littering to a Class B violation if the illegally discarded refuse amounts to less than a cubic foot.