

HB 2593 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Linthicum

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 05/02/23

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 3-2-0-0

Yeas: 3 - Linthicum, Prozanski, Thatcher

Nays: 2 - Gelser Blouin, Manning Jr

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/25, 5/2

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:

- Municipal court jurisdiction
- Frequency of prosecution of crime under current law
- Examples of when different penalties would apply

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 by reducing it to a Class B violation if the illegally discarded refuse amounts to less than a cubic foot.