

**HB 2819 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes an enforcement officer to issue citations for fire protection violations not witnessed firsthand if reasonable grounds exist based on information received, scene investigation, or a witness statement.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon law allows an enforcement officer to issue a violation citation only if the conduct takes place in the presence of the enforcement officer and the enforcement officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the conduct constitutes a violation. HB 2819 removes the requirement that an enforcement officer need witness the conduct of a fire protection law violation to issue a citation.