

HB 2668 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires a private search party to disclose, verbally and in writing, before engaging in search efforts that they are not acting as an agent of a public body and to specify their involvement if they intend to charge a fee, request donations, or derive profit from their services. Also requires a private search party to notify the county sheriff with jurisdiction over where the search will take place and provide contact information; the missing person's identity; if the search party plans to use a dog; and the anticipated timeframe of the search. Authorizes counties to impose civil penalties for noncompliance.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law does not currently address private search efforts. House Bill 2668 would define the term private search party and other terms relevant to regulating those search efforts that are not attached to a public body with responsibility for search and rescue.