SB 548 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Raises the minimum legal marriage age to 18 and eliminates provisions allowing minors to marry with parental or guardian consent. Updates statutes related to marriage licensing, guardianship, and juvenile law to reflect the new age requirement. Repeals ORS 106.060, which previously allowed exceptions for minors to marry.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law allows individuals 17 and older to marry and permits those under 18 to marry with parental or guardian consent. Senate Bill 548 removes these exceptions, setting 18 as the minimum legal age for marriage without exceptions. The measure updates marriage licensing requirements and related legal provisions to align with the new age requirement.