

SB 959 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure legally categorizes a signal jammer that can interfere with an alarm system as a burglary tool and makes it a crime to possess a signal jammer with the intent to break into a premises or commit theft. This measure also exempts an alarm system manufacturer from being required to provide replacement parts, tools, or diagnostic tools to an owner or third-party service provider.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 164.235 makes it a crime to possess certain burglary tools and devices with the intent to break into a premises or steal. Such tools and devices currently include acetylene torches, electric arcs, burning bars, thermal lances, oxygen lances or other similar device capable of burning through steel, concrete or other solid material, nitroglycerine, dynamite, gunpowder, or any other explosive.

Senate Bill 1596 (2024), Section 1(1) generally requires original equipment manufacturers to make available the documentation, tool, part, or other device for the purpose of repairing consumer electronic equipment. SB 1596, Section 1(2) creates exceptions to this manufacturer requirement, with this measure adding an exception for alarm systems.