

SB 1124 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure clarifies that the assault of a public transit vehicle driver qualifies as an assault in the third degree if committed while the driver is acting within the course of their official duties. This measure also makes it a crime of aggravated harassment to knowingly propel bodily fluids or other dangerous substances at a public transit driver while they are acting in the course of their official duties. This measure applies to conduct occurring on or after the effective date.

REVENUE: Has minimal revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 163.165(1) defines third degree assault to include knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly causing physical injury to the operator of a public transit vehicle while the operator is in control of or operating the vehicle. ORS 166.070 defines aggravated harassment as intentionally propelling bodily fluids or dangerous substances at a staff member or public safety officer while they are in the course of their official duties. Both third degree assault and aggravated harassment are generally classified as Class C felonies.