SB 1191 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure excepts the act of informing another person about their civil and constitutional rights from crimes relating to interference with law enforcement, refusing to assist police, and obstructing governmental or judicial administration.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Unites States Constitution and the Oregon Constitution reserve certain rights to the people that the government may not unreasonably infringe upon. Well known examples include the freedom of speech, association, press, religion, the right to liberty and due process, the right to not self-incriminate oneself, and the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures. Civil rights may also guarantee people equal protection and opportunity under the law, without discrimination based on protected class membership, and the right to bring a civil action against a person for a deprivation of a constitutional right.