

HB 3582 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure distinguishes the definition of child abuse from child sexual abuse and eliminates the statute of limitations for civil claims based on child sexual abuse and sexual assault.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment removes the requirement that a person must have "knowingly" permitted or encouraged abuse for the statute of limitations to be lifted.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires civil claims for child abuse to be filed before the survivor turns 40 or within five years of discovering the connection between the abuse and the injury. For adult sexual assault claims, the deadline is generally five years from discovery. These time limits are set under ORS 12.117 and ORS 12.118. House Bill 3582 removes those limits and allows for these claims to be commenced at any time.