

HB 3935 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure creates the Class B felony crime of initiating a false report in the first degree. A person commits the crime of initiating a false report in the first degree if the person knowingly initiates a false report to a law enforcement or emergency response agency and the response results in the death of any person at the location that is the subject of the false report. The measure also creates the Class C felony crime of initiating a false report in the second degree. A person commits the crime of initiating a false report in the second degree if the person knowingly initiates a false report to a law enforcement or emergency response agency and the response results in a serious physical injury to or the death of any person; or harm to a school or institution of higher education; harm to a public official; or harm to a church or other place of worship that is the subject of the false report.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under ORS 162.375 a person commits the crime of initiating a false report if the person knowingly initiates a false alarm or report that is transmitted to a fire department, law enforcement agency or other organization that deals with emergencies involving danger to life or property. Initiating a false report is currently a Class A misdemeanor.