

SB 548 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure raises the minimum marriageable age to 18 and repeals the exception that allows 17-year-olds to marry with parental consent.

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 28; Nays, 1

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Consent of minors to enter into a marriage
- Discretion of officiant to officiate a marriage of a minor

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law permits individuals who are 17 years old to marry if they have the written consent of a parent or legal guardian and authorization from a court. Senate Bill 548 eliminates this exception by establishing 18 as the minimum age for marriage without exceptions. The bill updates related statutory references and repeals ORS 106.060, which previously outlined the conditions under which minors could marry.