

HB 3582 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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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:

- Limitation of deceased defendants
- Liability of public bodies
- Standard intended to replace knowingly

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law sets specific time limits for filing civil claims related to child abuse and adult sexual assault. Under ORS 12.117, civil claims for child abuse must be filed before the person reaches age 40, or within five years from the date the person discovers the connection between the abuse and the injury. ORS 12.118 generally provides that civil claims for adult sexual assault must be filed within five years of discovery. House Bill 3582 removes these time limitations, allowing civil actions for child abuse and adult sexual assault to be commenced at any time.