

SB 548 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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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:

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.