

HB 2330 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

Action Date: 03/04/25

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Cate, Chaichi, Chotzen, Gomberg, Neron, Osborne, Reschke, Sosa, Wallan, Walters

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure establishes the Task Force on Law Enforcement Interdiction against Financial Scams on the Elderly comprised of 21 members. The Task Force must create definitions and make recommendations to allow law enforcement to stop fraudulent schemes targeting the elderly and to submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2026. It may also recommend administrative rules, create and distribute public guidance, create resource guides for law enforcement and agencies, recommend improvements to law enforcement techniques, and make recommendations for interstate compacts and federal-state enforcement agreements. The measure sunsets on December 31, 2027. It declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Thresholds for the federal government to investigate financial crimes
- The resources the task force might be able to put towards addressing elder financial scams

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment adds one member representing the Department of Veterans' Affairs and requires two members who are advocates for Oregonians over the age of 50.

BACKGROUND:

Financial scams on the elderly take advantage of older Oregonians by targeting people with diminished abilities or technology skills and use pressure like pretending to be a family member in distress to elicit financial gain.