

SB 959 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Prozanski

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 03/11/25

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 6-0-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Broadman, Gelser Blouin, Manning Jr, McLane, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/4, 3/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure categorizes a signal jammer that can interfere with an alarm system as a burglary tool and makes it a crime to possess a signal jammer with the intent to break into a premises or commit theft. This measure also exempts an alarm system manufacturer from the requirement to supply replacement parts or tools to an owner or third-party service provider.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Description and availability of a signal/wifi jammer
- Federal ban on signal jammers
- Existing right-to-repair bill

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 164.235 makes it a crime to possess certain burglary tools and devices with the intent to break into a premises or steal. Such tools and devices currently include acetylene torches, electric arcs, burning bars, thermal lances, oxygen lances or other similar device capable of burning through steel, concrete or other solid material, nitroglycerine, dynamite, gunpowder, or any other explosive.

Senate Bill 1596 (2024), Section 1(1) generally requires original equipment manufacturers to make available the documentation, tool, part, or other device for the purpose of repairing consumer electronic equipment. SB 1596, Section 1(2) created exceptions to the manufacturer requirement, and this measure adds an exception for alarm systems.