

SB 548 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Chaichi

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 05/14/25

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-1-0

Yeas: 7 - Andersen, Chaichi, Chotzen, Kropf, Lewis, Mannix, Tran

Exc: 1 - Wallan

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/6, 5/14

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recognition of marriages granted by other states
- Illegality of female genital mutilation
- First amendment right to freedom of religion

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.