

House Bill 2196

Sponsored by Representative RESCHKE (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act makes a new crime about harmful activity with a minor. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.7).

Creates the crime of harmful communication with a minor. Punishes by a maximum of five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to crimes involving minors; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 161.005.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) A person commits the crime of harmful communication with a minor if the person is at least 18 years of age and knowingly engages in a pattern of written or verbal communication with a minor that includes explicit and detailed descriptions or narrative accounts of sexual conduct in a manner that causes harm to the minor.

(2) Harmful communication with a minor is a Class C felony.

(3) It is not a defense to a prosecution under this section that the person did not know the minor's age, that the person reasonably believed that the minor was at least 18 years of age, or that the minor misrepresented the minor's age to the person.

(4) As used in this section:

(a) "Minor" means a person under 18 years of age.

(b) "Sexual conduct" has the meaning given that term in ORS 163.472.

SECTION 2. ORS 161.005 is amended to read:

161.005. ORS 161.005 to 161.055, 161.065, 161.085 to 161.125, 161.150 to 161.175, 161.190 to 161.275, 161.290 to 161.373, 161.405 to 161.485, 161.505 to 161.585, 161.605, 161.615 to 161.685, 161.705 to 161.737, 162.005, 162.015 to 162.035, 162.055 to 162.115, 162.135 to 162.205, 162.225 to 162.375, 162.405 to 162.425, 162.465, 163.005, 163.095, 163.107, 163.115, 163.125 to 163.145, 163.149, 163.160 to 163.208, 163.191, 163.196, 163.215 to 163.257, 163.261, 163.263, 163.264, 163.266, 163.275, 163.285, 163.305 to 163.467, 163.429, 163.432, 163.433, 163.472, 163.505 to 163.575, 163.665 to 163.693, 163.700, 163.701, 163.715, 164.005, 164.015 to 164.135, 164.138, 164.140, 164.205 to 164.270, 164.305 to 164.377, 164.395 to 164.415, 164.805, 164.857, 164.886, 165.002 to 165.102, 165.109, 165.118, 165.805, 165.815, 166.005 to 166.095, 166.119, 166.125, 166.128, 166.350, 166.382, 166.384, 166.660, 167.002 to 167.027, 167.057, 167.060 to 167.100, 167.117, 167.122 to 167.162, 167.203 to 167.252, 167.310 to 167.340, 167.350, 167.810 and 167.820 **and section 1 of this 2025 Act** shall be known and may be cited as Oregon Criminal Code of 1971.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.