

HB 3839 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Department of State Police to ensure that sex offender information for individuals classified as level one or level two under ORS 163A.100 is made available to school districts and any entities contracted to provide school visitor management services.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Federal laws regarding keeping and distributing sex offender information
- Automated system for schools to access sex offender information
- Current school access to level one and level two sex offender information

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment requires the Department of State police to ensure that unclassified sex offender information is made available to school districts and any entities contracted to provide school visitor management services

BACKGROUND:

Under current Oregon law, the Department of State Police is required to release information about level three sex offenders to the public and to certain individuals or entities, including school districts, community members, and organizations such as childcare centers and churches, if the offender poses a potential risk. This information is also made publicly available through the department's online registry. However, information about individuals classified as level one or level two sex offenders is not made publicly available and may only be released under limited circumstances. ORS 163A.215 permits supervising or notifying agencies to share this information at their discretion, but there is no existing requirement to provide it directly to schools or related service providers. House Bill 3839 modifies ORS 163A.215 to require the Department of State Police to ensure that sex offender information for individuals classified as level one or level two is made available to school districts and to entities contracted to provide school visitor management services.