74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Kruse, Prozanski, Walker, Burdick

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/28, 5/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands age range for court to deny driving privileges for offenses involving alcohol from youths ages 13-17 to youths ages 13-20.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Bill impacts adults (persons 18 and over)
- Redundant nature of original bill (ORS 809.265 already requires a driver's license suspension for persons convicted of "any offense involving manufacturing, possession or delivery of controlled substances") addressed through amendment.

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

HB 2147 A

Sen. Beyer

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Separates the drug and alcohol aspects of ORS 809.260. Retains the original language of 809.260 to state that juveniles, ages 13-17, have their driving licenses suspended (if they have them) for drug offenses. Moves alcohol offenses to a different section and states that youths, ages 13-20, have their licenses suspended for alcohol offenses.

BACKGROUND: Under ORS 809.260, a court must suspend the driving privileges of juveniles, ages 13-17, who are convicted of offenses involving controlled substances (manufacture, delivery or possession) or alcohol. ORS 809.265 requires the suspension of a driver's license for persons convicted of "any offense involving manufacturing, possession or delivery of controlled substances." Though it does not state so specifically, this section appears to relate to adult convictions (based on the context of the previous statute, 809.260, relating specifically to a "convicted juvenile").

In sum, ORS 809.260 suspends the licenses of juveniles, ages 13-17, for any drug *or alcohol* offense, and ORS 809.265 suspends the licenses of "persons" convicted of drug offenses. Eighteen, 19 and 20 year olds are not subject to the automatic license suspension under ORS 809.260 (but they would be subject to 809.265 for drug offenses).

HB 2147 A amends ORS 809.260 by increasing the age range from ages 13-17 to ages 13-20 and by separating the drug and alcohol provisions. Thus, 18, 19 and 20 year olds would be subject to the automatic license suspension for alcohol offenses. 18, 19 and 20 year olds are already subject to automatic license suspension for drug offenses under ORS 809.265.