

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barker, Bonamici, Cameron, Flores, Komp, Krieger, Read, Whisnant, Macpherson

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 1/17, 2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Class A violation of underage person in possession of alcohol while operating motor vehicle on public highway or premises.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Costs and problems associated with underage drinking in Oregon
- Should be distinction in severity between alcohol at a party and alcohol in a motor vehicle

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 471.430 presently makes it a Class B violation for underage persons to purchase or possess alcohol or to enter/attempt to enter licensed premises (bars or certain clubs). There is presently no difference in the penalty for an underage person in possession of alcohol at a house party compared to an underage person in possession of alcohol while driving (both are Class B violations). HB 2148 expands ORS 471.430 and makes it a Class A violation for underage persons to possess alcohol while driving a motor vehicle.

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