

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 4 - 1 - 0  
**Yeas:** Kruse, Prozanski, Walker, Burdick  
**Nays:** Beyer  
**Exc.:** 0  
**Prepared By:** Darian Stanford, Counsel  
**Meeting Dates:** 2/28

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**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
- Issue about underage persons driving vehicle with parents or friends over age 21 and alcohol in 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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