74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 4 - 2 - 1

Yeas: Buckley, Hunt, Roblan, Rosenbaum

Nays: Berger, Esquivel

Exc.: Thatcher

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Meeting Dates: 6/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows a law enforcement agency to request that a motor vehicle locator service provider to give location of a motor vehicle if: (1) a search warrant has been issued; or (2) the owner of the vehicle consents; or (3) the law enforcement agency believes that a life-threatening emergency exists and the location of the vehicle is necessary to prevent harm, render aid, or locate missing persons; or (4) the law enforcement agency believes that a crime has been, is being, or is about to be committed. Sets maximum civil penalty of \$1,000 for each violation.

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

HB 3570

Rep. Nelson

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recent cases of missing persons
- Examples of situations—including kidnapping, memory loss—where car location would be needed
- Positions of proponents, opponents, former opponents, and former proponents
- People who may not wish to be found

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Through the use of global positioning system satellites and cellular technology, the location of motor vehicles so-equipped can be readily determined. What is often more difficult to determine is the legal authority of law enforcement in obtaining—from a company that tracks the motor vehicle's location—the location of the vehicle when ascertaining the location of the vehicle might help solve a crime or locate missing persons.