

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum
Nays:	-
Exc.:	Hunt
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Meeting Dates:	6/22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Provides for nonwaivable unitary assessment in methamphetamine-related crimes, \$500 for conviction of methamphetamine delivery, \$1,000 for conviction of methamphetamine manufacture. Prohibits waiving unitary assessment except in juvenile cases. Directs that proceeds of additional assessment be transferred to counties for administration of substance abuse treatment programs.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Transfer of funds to counties
- Nature of unitary assessment
- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Current statute, ORS 137.290, requires trial courts to impose on a convicted defendant a "unitary assessment"; the assessment must be imposed "in addition to any other monetary obligation imposed." Under ORS 137.293, "All fines, costs, assessments, restitution, compensatory fines and other monetary obligations imposed on a convicted person . . . shall constitute a single obligation on the part of the convicted person."

The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Methamphetamine was charged with coordinating resources to better combat Oregon's methamphetamine epidemic. The use of methamphetamine is a major problem in Oregon and some estimates place the use as high as one in ten people. Methamphetamine is a highly addictive drug and it takes significantly longer to break the physical dependence upon it than with many other controlled substances.