## MINORITY REPORT

74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2008 Special Session MEASURE: HB 3624 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Atkinson

**Senate Committee on Rules and Executive Appointments** 

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Signers on the Report:** Senators Atkinson and Ferrioli **Prepared By:** Marjorie Taylor, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 2/21

WHAT THE MINORITY REPORT DOES: Allows a police officer to confiscate a registration card and mark the plates with a sticker on a vehicle, if the driver of the vehicle is arrested for or issued a citation for driving a motor vehicle while the driver's license is suspended or revoked. Requires officer to issue a temporary registration card that expires 60 days after the date of arrest or issuance of the citation and written notice of the circumstances under which the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) may cancel the vehicle's registration. Allows a police officer to stop a vehicle with marked plate for the sole purpose of determining if the vehicle is being operated by a person whose license has been suspended or revoked. Requires ODOT, 60 days after arrest or issuance of a citation, to cancel a vehicle's registration if the person operating the vehicle was operating it with a suspended or revoked licensed and is also the owner of the vehicle. Establishes a process for a person who owns a vehicle and who does not have a suspended or revoked license to obtain removal of marked plates. Establishes an administrative hearing process for cancellation of registration. Allows ODOT to charge a restoration fee. Creates the offense of removal of plate stickers and sets the penalty as a Class C traffic infraction. Establishes operative date of January 1, 2011.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

Serving notice of a minority report

## **EFFECT OF MINORITY AMENDMENT:** Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon has approximately 50,000 persons cited every year for driving while suspended. For most of these persons, it is something they soon correct. However, a significant percentage continue to drive with their licenses suspended.

In 1989, the legislature established a pilot program that requires police officers to confiscate vehicle registrations and mark license plates. The law contained a sunset provision of January 1, 1994. This provision was not repealed so the law was repealed on that date.