

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

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

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**Action:** Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure (Printed B-Eng.)

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/15

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows person to enter diversion program if fifteen years have passed since person's last diversion. Provides that person is not eligible for another diversion if person has been convicted of a crime involving a motor vehicle in the fifteen years preceding their second or subsequent diversion.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Provides that person is not eligible for another diversion if person has been convicted of a crime involving a motor vehicle in the fifteen years preceding their second or subsequent diversion.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, if a person has not participated in a diversion program within ten years of an offense date, he or she may be eligible to enter a diversionary program for driving under the influence of intoxicants. HB 2331B extends the period of ineligibility to fifteen years. The purpose behind lengthening the period of ineligibility is to prevent offenders from escaping criminal sanctions for repeated conduct by engaging in diversion for a second or third time.