

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates penalty for persons who refuse to submit to blood or urine test as required by Implied Consent Law.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes refusal to consent to blood test from the measure.

BACKGROUND: A person can be charged with a traffic offense punishable of \$500-\$1,000 for refusing to take a breath test. However, refusal to submit to a blood or urine test is not included under the current law. Adding this requirement will be important in cases involving substances other than alcohol when a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) is conducting an investigation for driving under the influence of intoxicants. As part of a 12-step DRE evaluation, an officer must request a urine sample. If a defendant refuses to provide a sample, the conclusions of the DRE evaluation may not be admissible in court.