75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Education

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

HB 2871

CONSENT

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to waive the reinstatement fee for a person whose driving privileges were suspended under ORS 809.423(3) if the person has graduated from high school and provides proof of graduation, or has received a General Educational Development (GED) certificate from a community college and provides proof of the GED certificate.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reinstatement fee
- School districts that take action to notify transportation department about suspensions
- Situation in which fees have been inadvertently assessed
- Few number of students who have lost driving privileges
- Reasons driver licenses can be revoked

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 809.423 provides for the suspension of driving privileges for a person under the age of 18 who withdraws from school. A school district board or superintendent may send notification to the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend the license of a student who withdraws from school, which includes when the student has 10 or more days of unexcused absences. ODOT reports that about 50 students are suspended each year under the notification program. To get their license reinstated, a student must pay a \$75 reinstatement fee.