75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: George, Schrader, Starr, Metsger

Nays: - Exc.: Verger

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Meeting Dates: 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to waive reinstatement fee for person whose driving privileges were suspended upon withdrawal from school if person has graduated from high school, or received a General Educational Development (GED) certificate.

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

HB 2871

Sen. Starr

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- · Policies in school districts such as Beaverton's
- Examples of individuals required to pay reinstatement fee
- ODOT suspension and reinstatement procedures

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 339.254, ORS 339.257 and ORS 809.423 provide for the suspension of a driver license for persons under the age of 18 who withdraw from school. School district boards or superintendents may send notification to the ODOT Driver and Motor Vehicle Division to suspend the driver licenses of students who withdraw from school or have 10 or more days of unexcused absences. The students' driver licenses are suspended until such time as they have reached age 18, re-enrolled in school with documentation as provided by ORS 339.257, or they have graduated, as provided by ORS 806.066. To get their driver licenses reinstated, students must pay a \$75 reinstatement fee.

ODOT reports that the driver licenses of about 50 students are suspended each year under the notification program.