

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies responsibilities for individuals to show proof of compliance with financial responsibility requirements after vehicle is involved in uninsured motor vehicle collision. Clarifies offense of failure to make future responsibility filings after an accident. Requires filing to be made within 30 days. Adds risk retention group to allowed insurers filing certificate of insurance. Eliminates required statement for vehicles not operated on public highways to obtain exemption from financial responsibility requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current statute language conflicting with provisions previously repealed
- Notification to district attorneys
- Accident reporting requirements
- Form filing requirements and hardship permits
- References to repealed bond and deposit provisions

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Restores mandatory one-year suspension of driver's license of individual involved in uninsured motor vehicle collision.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's mandatory insurance law, ORS 806.010, requires drivers to insure their vehicles. The minimum liability insurance a driver must have is bodily injury and property damage liability in the amounts of \$25,000 per person, \$50,000 per crash for bodily injury to others, and \$10,000 per crash for damage to the property of others; personal injury protection (for reasonable and necessary medical, dental and other expenses one year after a crash) in the amount of \$15,000 per person; and uninsured motorist coverage in the amounts of \$25,000 per person and \$50,000 per crash for bodily injury. Coverage must be certified each time a motor vehicle is registered. Individuals found to have driven while uninsured must file proof of financial responsibility for three years in order to retain driving privileges.