

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Shannon Sivell, Counsel
Meeting Dates:	5/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires court to suspend minor's drivers license if minor is cited for attempting to purchase alcohol or possessing alcohol and later fails to appear in court. Provides that person's age at time of offense, not at time of conviction, governs imposition of the license suspension.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, a court is required to suspend a minor's driving privileges if the minor has been convicted of attempting to purchase alcohol or possessing alcohol through misrepresentation of his or her age. SB 225A requires that a minor's driving privileges be suspended if the minor fails to appear in court for a violation of ORS 471.430. SB 225A also closes a loophole in the statutory language that allows a person cited under the statute to defer or avoid trial until after his or her 21st birthday in order to avoid receiving a license suspension as part of a conviction. Under this measure, if a person is cited as a minor, then regardless of when the trial occurs, upon conviction, their license will be suspended.