75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Judiciary

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

Prepared By: Shannon Sivell, Counsel

Meeting Dates: 4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Deletes the original bill. Provides that it is a Class B felony if a person commits the crime of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life. Provides that eluding or attempting to elude an officer under such circumstances is a level 7 on the sentencing guidelines.

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

SB 245 A

Sen. Prozanski

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Presumptive sentences
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Provides that it is a Class B felony if a person commits the crime of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life. Provides that eluding or attempting to elude an officer under such circumstances is a level 7 on the sentencing guidelines.

BACKGROUND: Under current statute, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer is a Class C felony and a level 2 on the sentencing guidelines, with a maximum sentence of 30 days jail. Within ORS 811.540 there is no enhancement for driving that creates a substantial risk to persons or property. The presumptive sentence on a level 7 conviction is still probation if an offender has three or less non-person felony convictions.