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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires scrap metal business to create and maintain certain records pertaining to the purchase and transfer of metal property. Requires payment for all metal property in the form of a check mailed to the seller's home address. Creates process for metal scrap business to retain metal property suspected to be lost or stolen. Requires consignment and second hand stores to comply with provisions of this measure. Creates immunity for a landowner where an injury or damage occurs as a result of theft of metal property. Creates the misdemeanor crimes of unlawfully altering metal property; making a false statement on a metal property record; unlawfully purchasing or receiving metal property, and; unlawfully possessing metal property. Provides that a scrap metal business must wait three business days before mailing payment for scrap purchased. Requires a scrap metal business to report to law enforcement within 24 hours any purchase of metal property that the person knows or has reason to know is the subject of theft or burnt metallic wire from which insulation has been removed. Provides that auto dealers, towers and dismantlers are exempt from the recording requirement. Requires auto dealers, towers and dismantlers to comply with recording requirements in the event they buy private metal property (catalytic converters not attached to a vehicle) or other metal property not attached to a vehicle.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of metal theft on industry and businesses within Oregon
- Effect of changes on legitimate businesses
- Effect on poor and homeless persons in the community
- Process by which homeless people can receive payment for selling metal
- Cooperation between police and business owners
- Need for more stringent recording requirements

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Provides that a scrap metal business must wait three business days before mailing payment for scrap purchased. Requires a scrap metal business to report to law enforcement within 24 hours any purchase of metal property that the person knows or has reason to know is the subject of theft or burnt metallic wire from which insulation has been removed. Provides that auto dealers, towers and dismantlers are exempt from the recording requirement. Requires auto dealers, towers and dismantlers to comply with recording requirements in the event they buy private metal property (catalytic converters not attached to a vehicle) or other metal property not attached to a vehicle.

BACKGROUND: SB 570A addresses both sellers and purchasers of metal property. It provides for increased reporting requirements for persons engaged in buying and selling private metal property. Metal theft affects both rural and urban communities and funds, in large part, the methamphetamine epidemic in Oregon. SB 570A aims to increase oversight and cooperation between law enforcement and scrap metal businesses. SB 570A also aims to protect legitimate buyers and sellers while closing loopholes and removing the incentives for metal thieves.

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