

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 160**

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Measure Description:

Creates offense of driver operation with obstructing animal.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Judicial Department, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Counties, Cities

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

SB 160 creates a new Class D offense. A driver commits this offense when driving a car with an animal riding in the driver's lap. A Class D offense is punishable by maximum fine of \$90.

This bill has the potential to increase the number of violation cases filed in the Municipal, Justice and Circuit Courts. Without comparable case types, it is not possible to forecast this workload. However, there is no data to suggest that the impact would be significant.

The workload impact on the Department of Transportation is minimal. ODOT will need to revise the Oregon Driver Manual and add a new offense code to the automated system.