

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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| Action: | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference |
| Vote: | 9 - 0 - 1 |
| Yeas: | Garrett, Hicks, Nolan, Olson, Schaufler, Tomei, Wand, Barker, Krieger |
| Nays: | |
| Exc.: | Whisnant |
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| Meeting Dates: | 2/3, 4/14 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the fee required by ORS 471.432 and ORS 813.020(1) for persons convicted of Driving under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) and persons entering into the DUII diversion program. Requires that funds from this fee be routed to the Director of Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for deposit in the Intoxicated Driver Program Fund.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of diversion programming on recidivism levels among DUII offenders
- Decrease in funding and whether that has translated to diminution in quality of programming
- Collateral costs of alcohol abuse beyond the criminal justice system – damage to families, lost productivity, downstream medical costs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies the fee structure.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) was created by the 2009 Oregon legislature to bring most health-related programs in the state into a single agency to maximize its purchasing power. ORS 813.270 created the Intoxicated Driver Program Fund in 1999 to pay for providing treatment for individuals who enter DUII diversion programs under ORS 813.200 and are found to be indigent. Payment for treatment under this subsection may include treatment for problem drinking, alcoholism or drug dependency.

The DUII diversion program created by ORS 813.200 allows first time DUII offenders an opportunity to see their DUII dismissed upon successful completion of a course of treatment determined by a mandatory alcohol assessment.