

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 2 - 1
Yeas: Beyer, Nathanson, Sheehan, Bentz, Read
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Exc.: Weidner
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Meeting Dates: 2/18, 3/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires a person under the age of eighteen to take an approved driver education course prior to receiving a provisional driver license if they reside in Clackamas, Multnomah, or Washington counties.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Teen driving programs are a proven method of reducing teen fatalities
- May harm private driver education companies that do not wish to comply with Oregon Department of Transportation's driving guidelines
- Mandatory driver education has not shown any reduction in discounts offered from insurance companies for successfully completing a driver education course
- All driving schools must have a program to address financial hardship

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon currently has a provisional driver license program for teens. Oregon Department of Transportation studies show that driver education courses, coupled with a provisional license, are the most effective way to prevent casualties among teen drivers. House Bill 2140 would be a phase-in to requiring driver education in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties to require driver's education courses as a requirement to obtaining a provisional license.