

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/14, 4/15, 4/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to convene work group on reports of persons with cognitive or functional impairment consisting of members appointed by ODOT Director. Specifies issues to be reviewed by work group. Specifies duties and responsibilities of work group. Directs work group to report recommendations to appropriate legislative interim committee(s) no later than October 1, 2012. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Impairment measurements
- Current process of impairment determination by medical professionals
- 2001 Legislative efforts to address impairment
- Medical review guidelines
- Science based method(s) of assessing individuals
- At-Risk Driver Program

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces original measure.

**BACKGROUND:** According to the National Older Driver Research & Training Center (NODRTC), University of Florida, the older population is the fastest growing segment of the United States population. Persons over 65 comprised 13 percent of the total population in 2000, and this number is expected to increase to 20 percent by 2030. Currently, in the United States, there are about 38 million licensed drivers over age 65, and by 2024, one in four drivers will be aged 65+.

NODRTC notes that many Americans have not planned for “retirement-from-driving”; and without support, many of these older people, who can no longer drive, may also lose their ability to live independently in their community.

Currently, Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR 735-074-0050) establishes the program that requires mandatory reporting to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), by physicians and health care providers, those drivers who have functional and cognitive impairments that may affect the person’s ability to drive.