

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Cameron, Garrett, Hicks, Krieger, Olson, Williamson, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Barton, Tomei
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Meeting Dates:	3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates a directive for Department of Transportation to revoke a license for three years where defendant is convicted of failure to perform the duties of a driver to injured persons under ORS 811.705, and court notes on record that a person sustained serious physical injury.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Seconds matter when someone is struck by a vehicle; this gives more incentive to stay at the scene
- Penalty should be harsher; currently drunk drivers are rewarded for leaving the scene and turning themselves in later when evidence of intoxication has dissipated
- There is an intense psychological harm done to victims of hit and run

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Previously, ORS 809.409(3) provided for a one year revocation, unless the court noted on the record that there was a death involved in the accident – then the revocation would be for five years. This creates a three year revocation when a court notes on the record that a person suffered serious physical injury. If the court makes no findings as to injury or death of a person involved in the accident, the statute would still require a one year revocation of driving privileges.