

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 9 – A

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Measure Description:

Provides that violation of offense of operating motor vehicle while using mobile communication device without a hands-free accessory to send or receive text messages is a Class B traffic violation.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Transportation, Judicial Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Agency – Fund Type	2013-2015	2015-2017
Department of Transportation – Other Funds	\$130,779	----

Summary of Revenue Impact: See Legislative Revenue Office statement.

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:

The measure would change the offense of operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile communication device from a Class D traffic violation to a Class B violation, which is subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000, when a person operating a motor vehicle uses a mobile communication device without a hands-free accessory to send or receive a text message. Additionally, the measure directs the Department of Transportation to place signs on “state highways” notifying drivers of the amount of the maximum fine for the violation.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) states that the sign design would be a one-time cost of approximately \$3,000. Cost of sign material and installation are estimated to be \$1,200 per sign. The total cost to ODOT would be dependent on the number of signs that were placed. ODOT assumes placement of approximately 100 signs at Oregon borders and other state highway locations throughout the state, for a total cost of \$120,000 Other Funds. Additionally, the Department estimates minimal cost for updating Department of Motor Vehicles programming codes and the Guide to Oregon Driver Records manuals.

There is a minimal expenditure impact to the Judicial Department as a result of this measure.