

REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 8 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Hicks, Krieger, Olson, Tomei, Barker
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows court to direct Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to suspend and re-suspend a license for person who fails to pay fines. Makes changes under both failure to comply statute and failure to appear statutes. Extends time period for court to notify DMV of suspension from 10 to 20 years from the date of offense. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Practice of re-suspension before *Richardson* case
- License suspension as effective enforcement tool
- Lost incentive for compliance

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3047 A is in response to a Court of Appeals case *Richardson v ODOT (12/7/2012)* *Advanced sheets A149361* which held that a driving privileges may be suspended only once for as long as a person failed to pay their traffic fines only up to a period of 10 years. (Interpreting ORS 809.415(4)(a) and ORS 809.416(2)). The decision disrupted the common practice of suspending and reinstating license suspensions based on whether someone complied with payment plans.