

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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| <b>Action:</b>        | Do Pass                                       |
| <b>Vote:</b>          | 6 - 0 - 0                                     |
| <b>Yeas:</b>          | Edwards, Girod, Monroe, Starr, Thomsen, Beyer |
| <b>Nays:</b>          | 0   |
| <b>Exc.:</b>          | 0   |
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| <b>Meeting Dates:</b> | 4/23  |

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Specifies that provisional driver license restrictions do not apply to persons 18 years of age or older.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Technical correction to the graduated driver license program
- Desire to avoid disincentive to licensure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Like most other states, Oregon has a graduated licensing system that allows younger driver to progress through a series of two or more restricted permits or licenses to gain experience before qualifying for a full driver license. Oregon's graduated driver license system was instituted in 2000. The first type of permit usually issued is a *Class C instruction permit*, which allows drivers who are at least 15 years old to operate a vehicle with certain restrictions, most notably that the permit holder must be accompanied by a driver with a valid license who is at least 21 years of age. The individual may subsequently qualify for a *Class C provisional license*, which allows the driver to operate a vehicle without a parent or traffic safety education instructor with the following restrictions: for the first year, no driving between midnight and 5:00 AM, except between home and work or home and school events, and driving with a licensed passenger 25 years of age or older; for the first six months, no carrying any passengers under 20 years of age; and for the second six months, no carrying more than three passengers under 20 years of age.

House Bill 2261 addresses a few cases that have arisen during recent years where law enforcement cited 18-year olds who have had their provisional licenses for less than one year for violating graduated driver license provisions. The measure specifies that the provisional license restrictions on hours of operation and passengers under 20 years of age apply only to provisional license holders who are under 18 years of age.