

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 0 - 2
Yeas: Edwards, Girod, Monroe, Beyer
Nays: 0
Exc.: Starr, Thomsen
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Meeting Dates: 5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows court to dismiss citation issued for offense of operating vehicle with illegal window tinting, or to reduce fine that court would otherwise have imposed for offense, if defendant establishes that tinting has been modified to comply with statutory requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Safety hazard for pedestrians
- Safety hazard for law enforcement
- Creates incentive to remove safety hazard

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 815.221 restricts window tinting on motor vehicles to only the side and rear windows; the level of tinting may not exceed 50 percent of light transmittance; 13 percent of light reflectance, and may not restrict total light transmittance through a window by more than 34 percent. Window tinting may also be applied to the top six inches of a windshield. Greater levels of window tinting are allowed on windows of a multipurpose passenger vehicle that are behind the driver. Violation of the statute is punishable as a Class B traffic violation.

House Bill 3136 allows a court to dismiss a citation or reduce the fine amount for violation of ORS 815.221 if the defendant can show that the tinting has been modified to comply with the law.