

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 9 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Hicks, Krieger, Olson, Tomei, Williamson, Barker
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Mike Schmidt, Counsel
Meeting Dates: 5/9, 5/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Eliminates Oregon Driver’s License (ODL) suspension as punishment for conviction of possession of less than an ounce of marijuana for persons age 18 and older. Gives judge discretion to impose license suspension for minors under age 18. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Allowing judges discretion to impose an ODL suspension puts Senate Bill 82 B on par with ORS 471.430

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Gives judge discretion to suspend the license of a person under 18 years of age, for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana if in the interest of public safety.

BACKGROUND: The mere fact that less than an ounce of marijuana is possessed should not necessarily implicate ones driving privileges. This is what happens when people do not contest these violation tickets, and enter guilty pleas without counsel.