78th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2015 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 394

CARRIER:

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action: Vote:

Yeas: Nays: Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Eliminates ignition interlock device (IID) requirement for participants in driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII) diversion. Restructures provisions regarding IID fee structure, license suspension and cost waiver.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 813.602 currently requires that all persons participating in a DUII diversion install an IID to lawfully drive a motor vehicle. Failure to comply with this requirement constitutes a Class A traffic violation. Courts have the power to exempt a person from this requirement under a medical exception. The rules and guidelines for such an exemption are promulgated by the Department of Transportation.

Additionally, ORS 813.602 allows for the department to defer or waive all or part of a defendant's responsibility to pay for the cost of IID lease, installation and maintenance. The rules for such a deferment or waiver are set by the department. Finally, ORS 813.602 sets out the penalty for failing to submit proof of IID installation to the department. Should an individual fail to do so, the department shall continue the suspension for: 1) one year after the ending date of the suspension resulting from the first DUII conviction; 2) two years after the ending date of the suspension or revocation resulting from a DUII conviction.

Senate Bill 394 eliminates the IID requirement for persons participating in DUII diversion. Other IID requirements remain intact. The bill additionally restructures the fee and additional suspension provisions of the statute without making major substantive changes.