

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Judiciary

MEASURE: HB 2433
CARRIER: Sen. Gelser

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/05/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 03/05

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Burdick, Gelser, Kruse, Prozanski, Thatcher

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes use of electronic criminal and violation citations in different size or format than current law permits. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Use of electronic citations throughout state
- Electronic citations are a different size than traditional citations
- Whether bill would apply retroactively

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Over the last 20 years, Oregon has authorized and expanded the use of electronic citations and complaints. These electronic citations are often the initiating document in criminal and violation cases. Police officers are authorized to file criminal and violation citations electronically under ORS 133.073 and 153.770. Statutes govern the format, use, and content of criminal and violation citations, and authorize the Oregon Supreme Court to adopt uniform citation forms under ORS 1.525. The Oregon Supreme Court has issued uniform citation forms, and these forms require the citation to have a certain size and format.

House Bill 2433 amends ORS 133.073 and ORS 153.770, and allows police officers to file electronic citations in a size and format different than the current uniform citation forms.