

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

MEASURE: SB 614
CARRIER: Rep. Greenlick

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/27/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 04/27

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Barker, Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Lininger, Olson, Post, Williamson

Exc: 1 - Sprenger

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows peace officers to enter motor vehicle and impound animal when authorized by law and with probable cause to believe animal is being subjected to certain criminal offenses.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Dogs in hot vehicles
- Probable cause
- Protections for animals
- Protections for peace officers
- 4th Amendment actions
- Stanford University study on dogs in hot vehicles and minimum impact of rolled down windows
- Physiology of dogs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current Oregon law provides that peace officers may enter premises with a search warrant when the officer has probable cause to believe an animal is being subjected to treatment in violation of certain ORS sections. Current law, however, does not contain the same provision for animals contained in motor vehicles.

Senate Bill 614 clarifies the law to provide the same protection to peace officers when the animal is contained in a vehicle.