

**REVENUE IMPACT OF
PROPOSED LEGISLATION**
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Revenue Area: CFA
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Versions are Considered Official*

Measure Description:

Renames offense of operating motor vehicle while using mobile communication device as offense of operating motor vehicle while using mobile electronic device.

Revenue Impact: Potential Revenue reduction of at least \$50,000 a biennium.

The extent to which circuit courts would suspend imposition of the fine and enter a sentence of discharge and the extent of the decrease of the amount collected by circuit courts is mostly on case by case basis. The allowance of that to happen suggests at lease few percentage points drop. circuit courts imposed \$531,881.40 in fines and collected \$469,862.70 in 2015. Thus, each 1% decrease is about \$4,700 in revenue reduction.

There might be additional revenue impact from cases filed in justice and municipal courts.

Impact Explanation:

The measure with the amendment allows the court to suspend imposition of a fine and enter a sentence of discharge when a person successfully completes a distracted driving avoidance course. This is likely to reduce the amount of money that circuit courts collect in these cases. Under ORS 137.300, moneys collected in these cases are deposited into the Criminal Fine Account. In 4,253 cases in 2015, circuit courts imposed \$531,881.40 in fines and collected \$469,862.70.

There could also be additional revenue impact from cases filed in justice and municipal courts. Each case dropped effects the off-the-top portion of the payment coming to the CFA.

Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure: Yes No