

**SB 1503 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Provides that individual is guilty of driving under influence of intoxicants if individual has .08 percent or higher blood alcohol level within two hours of driving. Allows individual to assert affirmative defense if individual consumed sufficient alcohol amount after driving to account for test results. Requires 21 days' notice of affirmative defense. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-2 Creates definition for "statutory counterpart" and adds references to definition.

**BACKGROUND:**

Under ORS 813.010, prosecutors can prove that a person was driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII) if the person, at the time of driving, had a .08 percent or higher blood alcohol level; was under the influence of intoxicating liquor, cannabis, a controlled substance or an inhalant; or was under the influence of any combination thereof. Whether the person has the requisite blood alcohol level is determined by a breath or blood test, usually taken at a police station or medical facility. Depending on when and where the stop occurs, it may be several hours before the test occurs.

Senate Bill 1503 provides that an individual is guilty of driving of the influence of intoxicants if that person is found to have a .08 or higher percent blood alcohol level within two hours of driving unless the person provides an affirmative defense.