

SB 693 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Winters

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 06/30/17

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Senate Vote

Yeas: 12 - DeBoer, Devlin, Frederick, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Manning Jr, Monroe, Roblan, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

House Vote

Yeas: 10 - Gomberg, Holvey, Huffman, McLane, Nathanson, Rayfield, Smith G, Smith Warner, Stark, Whisnant

Exc: 1 - Williamson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates probationary driver permits, makes changes to the requirements to obtain a hardship permit, and repeals driver license suspensions for several criminal offenses.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Expands the current exemption for members of the Armed Forces and their spouses from holding an Oregon driver license to include National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and their spouses. This amendment does not change the fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND:

This bill eliminates probationary driver permits, makes changes to the requirements to obtain a hardship permit, and repeals driver license suspensions for several criminal offenses. These changes are expected to result in a reduction of violation, misdemeanor, and felony cases filed in circuit courts for Driving While Suspended and Driving While Revoked.

Oregon law requires license suspension for many driving-related offenses such as DUII, or the Driver Improvement Program which requires administrative suspension if a person has too many moving violations in a short period of time. Oregon law also requires suspension for several offenses unrelated to driving. These include drug possession, theft of gasoline, littering. Finally, there are suspensions that span somewhere between a driving offense and something completely unrelated. These include such offenses as failure to appear in court or pay a traffic ticket. DMV has more than 400 separate codes for the various ways Oregon law requires suspension or revocation.