

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2614

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Measure Description:

Repeals driving privilege suspension and eliminates imposition of driving privilege restrictions for failure to pay fine.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Cost savings is anticipated- See analysis.

Analysis:

This bill repeals ORS 809.210 which allows courts to suspend or restrict driving privileges for failure to pay a fine or obey a court order.

Oregon Department of Transportation

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) processes driver’s license suspensions and revocations upon notice or order from the court, and assists customers with questions associated with these transactions. This bill eliminates this workload for the Department of Motor Vehicles for those cases arising under ORS 809.210. With passage of this bill, ODOT anticipates costs savings of \$981,308 Other Funds from the elimination of 9 positions (7.88 FTE) for the 2019-21 biennium.

Oregon Judicial Department

The Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) issues orders and sends notices to the Department of Motor Vehicles for license suspensions and revocations. In some instances, the process is automated, in others, court orders are issued following hearings for Driving While Suspended and Driving While Revoked cases.

OJD anticipates that judges and court staff will spend slightly less time on matters connected with the automated processes. In addition, HB 2614 will reduce the number of violation, misdemeanor, and felony cases filed in circuit courts, but OJD is unable to predict the extent of this decrease. Any reduction would allow courts to resolve other cases more quickly than current caseloads permit.

The Oregon Judicial Department will experience some workload relief as a result of this bill, the extent of which is indeterminate at this time.