## 74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Judiciary

MEASURE: CARRIER:

## **REVENUE:** No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Kruse, Prozanski, Walker, Burdick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/17

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires health care providers to more quickly provide notice to law enforcement officials if a patient involved in a motor vehicle accident and believed to have been a driver has a blood alcohol content in excess of the legal limit.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

• Health care provider not required to take blood test; just required to notify law enforcement of results if treatment necessitates blood test

## EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 676.260 requires a health care provider to notify a law enforcement officer or agency within five calendar days if the provider reasonably believes that a person receiving treatment, after a motor vehicle accident in which the person was likely a driver, has a blood alcohol content of .08 or greater (as revealed by a blood test). Such notice consists of the name of the person, the blood alcohol level and the date and time of the blood test.

HB 2895 A amends ORS 676.260 to require the provider to give such notice to any law enforcement officer who is at the health care facility in an official capacity and is investigating the accident. If there is no such officer, the facility must notify a law enforcement agency in the county in which the accident occurred or an Oregon State Police dispatch center as soon as possible, but not more than 72 hours after becoming aware of the blood test results.