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

MEASURE: CARRIER:

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued	
Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	4 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Avakian, Ferrioli, Monnes Anderson, Brown
Nays:	Kruse
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Marjorie Taylor, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	6/11

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the court to prepare and send to the Department of Transportation an order suspending the driving privileges of a person convicted of careless driving involving serious physical injury to a vulnerable user of a public way. Requires the department to suspend the person's driving privileges upon receipt of the court order.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Definition of bicycle
- Definition of serious injury
- Who may be considered a vulnerable user
- Recent death of cyclist

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: ORS 161.015 defines "serious physical injury" as physical injury that creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious and protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ. It is a Class A traffic infraction to operate a motor vehicle upon a highway in a manner that endangers or would be likely to endanger any person or property (ORS 811.135). A person commits the offense of careless driving if the person drives any vehicle upon a highway or other premises in a manner that endangers or would be likely to endanger any person.