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

MEASURE: CARRIER:

SB 573 A Sen. Burdick

REVENUE: No revenue impact			
FISCAL: No fiscal impact			
Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed		
Vote:	3 - 0 - 2		
Yeas:	Beyer, Walker, Burdick		
Nays:	0		
Exc.:	Kruse, Prozanski		
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Meeting Dates:	3/7, 4/3		

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires a driver to stop for pedestrian preparing to enter sidewalk.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- How to convey sense of immediacy, i.e., pedestrian must be ready to enter crosswalk with next step
- Grammatical structure of existing law ٠

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes "preparing to enter a crosswalk." Adds new language specifying that pedestrian must be waiting on curb or shoulder of highway at a crosswalk with arm raised toward traffic.

BACKGROUND: ORS 811.028 creates a Class B traffic violation for drivers who fail to stop and remain stopped for a pedestrian. Presently, the offense covers failing to stop and remain stopped for a pedestrian who:

ELEMENT ONE:	(1) is proceeding in accordance with a traffic control device or		
	(2) is crossing a roadway in a crosswalk and		
ELEMENT TWO:	the pedestrian enters	(1) the lane that the driver is in,	
		(2) a lane adjacent to the lane that the driver is in,	
		(3) the lane into which the driver is turning,	
		(4) a lane adjacent to the lane into which the driver is turning, or	
		(5) a location < 6 feet from the lane into which the driver is turning.	

SB 573 adds a third option to "element one"-if the pedestrian is "preparing to enter a crosswalk." It also specifies that "a pedestrian raising a hand and arm toward oncoming traffic is considered to be entering a lane."