75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 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 as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires a court to suspend a driver's license of a minor cited for attempting to purchase or possessing alcohol and failing to appear in court. Changes the relevant date for suspension of license for convicted juveniles from the date of conviction to the date of offense.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Currently, a court is required to suspend a minor's driving privileges if the minor has been convicted of attempting to purchase alcohol or possessing alcohol. SB 225 A clarifies that driving privileges shall be suspended if the minor fails to appeal in court. In addition, persons who have been convicted of one of the offenses that result in suspension of driving privileges while they are a minor may defer and delay trials and/or convictions until after their 21st birthday in order to avoid the denial of driving privileges. SB 225 A changes the wording of the statute from the date of conviction to the date of offense to avoid this problem.