

HB 3323 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Department of Transportation to establish a driver improvement course as an alternative to a Class D or specific fine traffic violations for drivers under age 18 with no prior traffic convictions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Age of participants in diversion programs
- Judicial discretion
- Record keeping of diversion program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 The amendment replaces the measure. It requires the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to establish standards for a driver improvement course for drivers under age 18 with no prior traffic convictions. Requires law enforcement to notify eligible youth at the time of citation that the course is available. Directs ODOT to create a standardized notification form and adopt rules for course curriculum, standards, and provider approval. Requires courts to dismiss citations upon proof of course completion. Clarifies that the process does not affect existing court-based diversion programs. Declares emergency; takes effect on passage. Operative January 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires individuals cited for traffic violations to resolve their cases through the court system. House Bill 3323 -3 offers first-time offenders under 18 an alternative to avoid a conviction for the violation by allowing them to complete a driver improvement course approved by the Department of Transportation.