

## HB 3323 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Judiciary

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**Action Date:** 04/08/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 8-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Andersen, Chaichi, Chotzen, Kropf, Lewis, Mannix, Tran, Wallan

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Has minimal revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/20, 4/8

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure 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. It requires law enforcement to notify eligible youth at the time of citation that the course is available and directs ODOT to create a standardized notification form. It also authorizes ODOT to adopt rules for course curriculum, standards, and provider approval. The measure requires courts to dismiss citations upon proof of course completion and clarifies that the process does not affect existing court-based diversion programs. Finally, it declares an emergency and that the measure takes effect on passage and is operative starting January 1, 2026.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment replaces the measure.

#### BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires individuals cited for traffic violations to resolve their cases through the court system. House Bill 3323 A 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.