

HB 4137 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies rules regarding the appearance of a defendant in court who has been issued a traffic violation citation, so that if the defendant had already transferred their interest in the motor vehicle at issue before the citation was issued, the defendant may notify the court in the manner provided by the Oregon Judicial Department instead of making a court appearance, when certain requirements are met. In addition, the measure makes the defendant exempt for liability for the citation. Directs the court to dismiss the citation against the defendant after receiving verification from the Department of Transportation that there was a notice of transfer of the vehicle.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Modifies rules regarding the appearance of a defendant in court who has been issued a traffic violation citation. Within 30 days of a citation requires the defendant to notify the court of the transfer of the motor vehicle with a certificate of innocence or in the manner provided by the court. Directs the defendant to include a statement affirming specific relevant facts. Once the court determines the person is exempt from liability, requires the court to dismiss the citation.

BACKGROUND: