

In the first Special Session of 2020, the legislature passed HB 4210, which removes the authority of courts to impose personal and commercial driving privilege suspensions for failure to pay traffic-related fines or comply with requirements ordered in lieu of fines. The measure prohibits new suspensions from being imposed on or after October 1, 2020.

Link to bill page: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2020S1/Measures/Overview/HB4210>

Link to Staff Measure Summary:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2020S1/Downloads/MeasureAnalysisDocument/54011>

In this 2021 Legislative Session, the legislature is moving HB 2523 through the process. The measure moved out of the House Committee on Judiciary on April 6, 2021, and is awaiting a vote on the house floor. From there, if passed, the measure will move to a Senate committee.

The measure requires ODOT to waive driving privilege reinstatement fees if driving privileges were suspended for failure to pay court fine, failure to appear in court, or failure to provide new proof of compliance with responsibility filings (proof of liability insurance). The measure specifies that the fee will not be waived if individual is also suspended for another reason. The measure sunsets on January 2, 2023.

Link to bill page: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Measures/Overview/HB2523>

Link to Staff Measure Summary:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238226>

Link to ODOT testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/12857>