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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes sunset on authority for the Department of Transportation to double fines for certain traffic offenses committed in safety corridors. Takes effect December 31, 2007.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Pilot project created by 1999 Legislative Assembly
- Effectiveness of safety corridors – decommissioning of some
- Law enforcement and others in collaborative approach to safety corridors
- Double fining as one of many approaches used in safety corridors
- 13 safety corridors currently designated

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) establishes safety corridors where special driver attention is needed, such as construction zones and known hazardous road segments. Within these corridors, ODOT and the state and local agencies implement roadway safety countermeasures including enforcement, engineering, education, and emergency medical services, and negotiate agreements with local jurisdictions prior to establishing safety corridors. ODOT reviews the status of each designated safety corridor on an annual basis, and decisions are made through the specific safety corridor stakeholder groups as to whether corridors should continue with designation or be decommissioned.

Provisions authorizing enhanced enforcement in safety corridors through the use of double traffic fines currently sunsets on January 1, 2008. House Bill 2274 eliminates the sunset and prescribes an effective date of December 31, 2007.