

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Buckley, Gilman, Read, Smith G., Tomei, Beyer
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Butler
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	1/22, 3/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows commercial driver training schools to be reimbursed for courses in traffic safety education from Student Driver Safety Fund. Directs the department to establish by rule maximum amount per pupil that a private school may charge for a course in traffic safety education if the school receives state reimbursement. Prescribes July 1, 2008 effective date.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Student Driver Safety Fund balance and revenue source through portion of driver license fees
- No requirements for public schools to offer driver education courses
- Driver training course not required before applying for driver permit or license
- Department provides training to teach driver education program
- Goal to improve access to affordable driver training courses

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Deletes all references to “private” schools and replaces with “commercial driver training” schools.

**BACKGROUND:** The Student Driver Safety Fund receives revenue from a portion of driver license fees dedicated to driver education collected by the Division of Motor Vehicles. In Oregon, there is no requirement to take a driver education course before applying for a driver permit or license. Approximately 25 percent of 15 year olds complete an approved driver education course. Public schools are not required to offer driver training courses but those who do are eligible to receive a reimbursement of \$210 per student. HB2276A expands reimbursement eligibility to commercial driver training schools. Under the measure, if a commercial driver training school chooses to receive state reimbursement, they will be allowed to charge pupils a maximum tuition amount set by Department of Transportation rule.