

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Butler, Gilman, Read, Smith G., Tomei, Beyer
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Exc.:	Buckley
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Meeting Dates:	2/14, 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes speed limit of 15 miles per hour for narrow residential roadways. Defines narrow residential roadway.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Concern regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety
- Applies to publicly maintained roadways only; intended for two-way streets
- Street width criteria; dedicated vs. paved road width
- Fences and bushes encroaching on roadway
- Speed limit posting

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes definition of “narrow roadway”. Inserts definition of “narrow residential roadway” to mean a two-way roadway that is: 1) located in a residence district; and 2) not more than 18 feet wide at any point between 2 intersections or between an intersection and the end of the roadway. Inserts term “residential” to references for “narrow residential roadway”.

BACKGROUND: For roadways without a posted speed in Oregon, the following speed limits apply: 15 miles per hour in an alley; 25 miles per hour in a business district, public park, highway in residence district, or ocean shore; 65 miles per hour on an interstate highway; and 55 in all other locations without a speed limit posted. According to the City of Portland, between 1990 and 2000, 85,586 traffic accidents resulted in injuries or fatalities. Approximately 29,000 (34%) of the injuries and deaths were pedestrians or bicyclists struck by a motor vehicle. HB 2297A reduces the speed limit to 15 miles per hour on narrow residential roadways in Oregon.