

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
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Meeting Dates:	5/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes 15 miles per hour as the basic rule speed for narrow residential roadways. Defines narrow residential roadway as a two-way roadway in a residence district that is not more than 18 feet wide.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Concern regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety
- Application to publicly-maintained roadways only
- Timing sufficient to include in biennial update of the driver's manual
- No requirement to post speeds

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: For roadways without a posted speed in Oregon, the following basic rule speeds 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. House Bill 2297-A makes the basic rule speed 15 miles per hour on a narrow residential street.

According to the City of Portland, between 1990 and 2000, 85,586 traffic accidents resulted in injuries or fatalities. Approximately 29,000 (34 percent) of the injuries and deaths were pedestrians or bicyclists struck by a motor vehicle. Narrow street designs are becoming more common in residential areas, and the current 25 miles per hour allowable speed is not considered a safe speed in such conditions.