

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Meeting Dates: 5/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits Gladstone, Milwaukie and Oregon City to operate photo radar. Specifies requirements to use photo radar. Requires jurisdictions to comply with specific requirements for use of photo radar. Permits Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to operate photo radar in highway work zones. Requires ODOT to report to the Legislative Assembly each odd-year session on the use, acceptance and administration of photo radar. Repeals photo radar provisions on December 31, 2014.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Increase in traffic and speeding in some jurisdictions
- Legislative history of the concept
- Safety issues in highway work zones
- Pilot project in highway work zones and fiscal impact
- Effect of photo radar in reducing speed and fatalities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that jurisdictions using photo radar must comply with specific requirements for use.

BACKGROUND: Currently, Albany, Beaverton, Bend, Eugene, Medford, Portland and Tigard are authorized to operate photo radar in their communities, at their own expense. The use of photo radar must comply with the following restrictions: 1) photo radar systems may not be used for more than four hours per day in any one location; 2) photo radar systems may not be used on controlled access highways; and 3) photo radar systems may not be used unless a sign is posted announcing that photo radar is in use.

Jurisdictions opting to use photo radar must conduct a process and outcome evaluation once each biennium describing the effect on traffic safety, degree of public acceptance and process of administration. Evaluations must be submitted to the Legislative Assembly by March 1 of each regular Legislative session.

HB 2466B adds the cities of Gladstone, Milwaukie and Oregon City as jurisdictions authorized to operate photo radar. The measure also allows the Department of Transportation to operate photo radar within a highway work zone located on a state highway. Use of photo radar on interstate highways remains prohibited.