74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session **MEASURE: CARRIER:**

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Business and Labor

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

> Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Rosenbaum, Smith P., Schaufler Yeas:

HB 2537 A

Rep. Rosenbaum

Navs: Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/19, 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits employees of mass transit districts, transportation districts and municipal bus systems from striking or recognizing the picket line of a labor organization while performing official duties. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Rationale behind removing the ability to strike
- Other states' statutes relating to collective bargaining
- Background of 2005 Lane Transit District strike
- Services affected when transit employees go on strike

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Creates a new statute to carry out the measure's provisions. Adds an emergency clause, effective upon passage.

BACKGROUND: Current statute prohibits firefighters, police officers, emergency telephone operators, and correctional officers from striking or recognizing a picket line of a labor organization. HB 2537 A adds employees of mass transit districts, transportation districts and municipal bus systems to that list.