

2007 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2276 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
SUBJECT: Allows private schools to be reimbursed for courses in traffic safety education.
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Oregon Department of Transportation
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DATE: March 13, 2007

EXPENDITURES:	<u>2007-2009</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>
Supplies and Services – Other Fund	\$ 105,000	\$ 252,000

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

GOVERNOR’S BUDGET: This bill is anticipated by the Governor’s recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: This measure expands the eligibility for driver training reimbursement from public schools to include commercial driver training schools. The current reimbursement rates are \$210 per student. This measure also directs the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to establish by rule the maximum amount per student that a private school may charge for a course in traffic safety education if the private school receives reimbursement for the course. ODOT projects an additional 500 students in the first year and an additional 600 students per year in the 2009-11 biennium.

This program is financed through the Student Driver Training Fund. The Student Driver Training Fund is supported by a \$6 fee on each Oregon driver’s license. The Student Driver Education Fund averages \$3.0 million per year and ODOT anticipates that the fund can handle the increased reimbursements into the foreseeable future. During 2005 and 2006, there were approximately 9,900 reimbursements per year for driver’s education. The fund could handle 14,000 reimbursements a year at the current funding levels and it is not anticipated that a fee increase or denial of reimbursements will be necessary any time soon.