

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barker, Bonamici, Cameron, Komp, Krieger, Read, Macpherson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Flores, Whisnant
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/16

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires a bicycle to be equipped with a brake that enables the operator to stop within 15 feet from a speed of 10 miles per hour, on dry, level, clean pavement. Establishes that a fixed brake bicycle does not need to be fitted with a separate brake. Establishes that police officers may install sirens or whistles on bicycles.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Technology of fixed gear bicycles and front wheel hand brakes
- Federal bicycle standards
- Different standards applied by judges for fixed gear brakes
- Definition of police vehicle

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Establishes that police officers may install sirens or whistles on bicycles.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, a bicycle must be equipped with a brake that enables the operator to make the bicycle skid on dry, level, clean pavement. There are no speed or distance specifications for the skid. SB 729 would require a bicycle to be equipped with a brake that enables the operator to stop within 15 feet from a speed of 10 miles per hour, on dry, level, clean pavement. It would provide an exception, however, for fixed gear bicycles, which have one gear and cannot coast. By resisting the forward motion of the pedals, a rider is able to slow the bike to a stop, without the aid of a brake. Finally, current law prohibits persons from installing sirens or whistles on bicycles. SB 729 would provide an exception for police officers.