

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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Action: Do Pass  
Vote: 3 - 1 - 1  
Yeas: Prozanski, Walker, Burdick  
Nays: Beyer  
Exc.: Kruse  
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Meeting Dates: 3/27

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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.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- How few officers in Portland are citing for violations of the brake requirement
- The technology of fixed gear bicycles and front wheel hand brakes
- How municipalities may pass more restrictive ordinances

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**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.

Fixed gear bicycles (preferred by many bicycle messengers) 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.