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Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 1 - 1
Yeas:	Bailey, Bentz, Berger, Boone, Edwards D., Schaufler, Weidner, Beyer
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Meeting Dates:	1/26, 2/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides authorization to the Oregon Transportation Commission to adopt administrative rules relating to health and safety roadside rest areas and scenic overlooks. Stipulates that violations of such rules are punishable as Class B violation with maximum fine of \$360.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Types of activities for which citations would be given
- Rulemaking process for rules applicable to measure
- Desire for specificity in types of rules to which penalties could be applied

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Limits rulemaking and penalty for violation to rules related to health and safety in roadside rest areas and scenic overlooks.

BACKGROUND: Highway rest areas exist to provide motorists an opportunity to take a break from driving and to use restroom facilities, so that they may return to the road refreshed and alert. Scenic overlooks provide similar opportunities while also providing opportunities to view landscapes and historical areas. These areas are managed by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Some individuals use rest areas, scenic overlooks and similar types of areas inappropriately in ways that interfere with the intended regular use of the areas. Disruptive behaviors, including but not limited to soliciting, camping, or living in the rest areas, can create an inhospitable climate and discourage drivers from using the rest areas.

House Bill 2234-A authorizes the Oregon Transportation Commission to adopt rules that create penalties for such disruptive behaviors in rest areas and similar facilities and designates these violations as a Class B violation punishable by a maximum fine of \$360. Law enforcement officers would be responsible for issuing citations.. The penalty created in the measure is similar to the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department violations for similar activities that occur in State Park campgrounds and day use areas.