

**75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee on Business and Transportation**

**MEASURE: HB 2234 A**  
**CARRIER: Sen. Schrader**

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

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

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure  
**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** George, Schrader, Starr, Metsger  
**Nays:** -  
**Exc.:** Verger  
**Prepared By:** Jim Stembridge, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 4/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes Oregon Transportation Commission to regulate health and safety of roadside rest areas and scenic overlooks by administrative rule. Provides maximum fine of \$360 for violation.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Similarity to state parks provision
- Existing rulemaking authority for rest areas
- Panhandling, camping, and aggressive behaviors that impair rest area purposes

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

**BACKGROUND:** Highway rest areas provide motorists with opportunities to take breaks 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 and scenic overlooks in ways that interfere with their intended uses. Disruptive behaviors, such as soliciting or camping, can create an inhospitable climate and discourage drivers from using the rest areas.

House Bill 2234A authorizes the Oregon Transportation Commission to adopt rules that create penalties for disruptive behaviors in rest areas and similar facilities. Law enforcement officers would be responsible for issuing citations. The provisions of House Bill 2234A are similar to Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department regulations in state park campgrounds and day-use areas.

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