75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2539 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Shields

House Committee on Environment and Water

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 6 - 2 - 0

Yeas: Bailey, Barnhart, Boone, Jenson, Smith J., Cannon

Nays: Bentz, Gilliam

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/9, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits use, explosion or causing the explosion of cylindrical fountains, cone fountains, illuminating torches, wheels, ground spinners, flitter sparklers or combination items inside city limits of a city with a population of 300,000 or more, except between June 30 – July 5 each year. Creates Class C violation. Restricts permits issued by State Fire Marshal for sale of such devices outside of a city with a population of 300,000 or more between midnight June 22 and midnight July 6 and inside a city with a population of 300,000 or more between midnight June 30 and midnight July 5.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fire danger from fireworks
- Effect of firework noise on some veterans and domestic and wild animals
- Applicability of city ordinances
- Law enforcement issue
- Role of State Fire Marshal

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Oregon law restricts the issuance of permits for sales of certain fireworks to between midnight June 22 and midnight July 6 of each calendar year. House Bill 2539A would restrict the use of certain fireworks and further restrict the sale of fireworks in Portland.