

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Meeting Dates:	4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits local government to create separate provisions with greater penalties for retailers not complying with shopping cart regulations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Participation in the Portland area
- Current process for retrieving abandoned shopping carts
- Number of shopping carts recovered

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The removal, misuse, and abandonment of shopping carts away from the parking lots of grocers and other businesses has been an ongoing problem for business owners, neighborhoods surrounding the stores, and local governments attempting to keep streets, parks, open areas, and neighborhoods free from eyesores and hazards. Store owners are often unaware of the location of their abandoned shopping carts.

Senate Bill 645 (2007) provided a standard but optional ordinance for local governments to prohibit unauthorized appropriations of shopping carts. Current law permits local government to enact or adopt ordinances, charter provisions, resolutions, or other regulations related to the collection or retrieval of abandoned shopping carts. Senate Bill 533 broadens that authority by clarifying that the full statute relating to recovery of abandoned shopping carts can be incorporated into such local regulations.