

REVENUE: No revenue impact  
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed  
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Meeting Dates: 3/19, 4/22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires highway workers to be actually present in order for road construction, repair, or maintenance areas to be classified as highway work zones, for the purpose of establishing amounts of fine for offenses within the work zones.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Instances of collisions involving un-licensed drivers; “zebra-stickers” and police office procedures
- Instances of work on one side of divided highways enforced as work zone on both sides of highway
- Provisions of the amended measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Current statute provides for doubling moving vehicle traffic fines in work zones, whether or not workers are actually present. SB 825-A would change the definition of highway work zone to be a work zone, subject to the doubling of fines, only when highway workers are actually present.

According to the Oregon Department of Transportation, drivers not paying attention are the most frequent cause of work zone crashes, with speeding the next biggest problem. Over 40 percent of work zone crashes happen in the transition zone before the actual work area, more drivers and their passengers than workers die each year in Oregon work zones, and work zone crashes tend to be more severe than other types of crashes.