## 75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Commerce and Workforce Development

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact **FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred

to the Committee on Ways and Means

**Vote:** 4 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Prozanski, Telfer, Rosenbaum

Nays: George Exc.: 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/6, 4/27

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires that Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) use one-half of one percent of federal funds received, up to \$1.8 million, to increase diversity in highway construction. Specifies uses of moneys. Requires biennial report to legislature.

**MEASURE:** 

**CARRIER:** 

SB 894 A

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Diversion of moneys from building and maintaining roads
- Importance of cap

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

**BACKGROUND:** Women and minorities have traditionally been underrepresented, as a percentage of the state's population, at every level of involvement in public construction projects. State policy requires equal employment opportunities for all citizens. Different public entities have made various efforts to address this variance, with some success. Senate Bills 894 A, 895 A, and 896 all attempt to increase the involvement of women and minorities in public construction projects in Oregon.