

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Shields  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monroe

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 21 – 1 – 0

House

Yeas: Buckley, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Jenson, Komp, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays: Gilman

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 9, 2009

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires that Oregon Department of Transportation use one-half of one percent of federal funds received, up to \$1.5 million, to increase diversity in highway construction. Specifies uses of moneys. Requires biennial report to the Legislature.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Merits of the bill

**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, 895, 896 all attempt to increase the involvement of women and minorities in public construction projects in Oregon.