75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2010 Special Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage, but w/Amendments (Printed A-Eng.), Be Returned to

MEASURE: SB 1059 A

CARRIER:

the President's Desk for Referral to Another Committee

Vote: 3 - 2 - 0

Yeas: Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder

Nays: Atkinson, Boquist

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/9, 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) to adopt statewide transportation strategy on greenhouse gas emissions to aid in achieving emission reduction goals in ORS 468A.205. Directs OTC to actively solicit public review and comment in strategy development. Directs Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to establish guidelines for developing and evaluating alternative transportation scenarios to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and toolkit to assist local governments in developing and executing actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles with gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less. On or before June 1, 2011, directs Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC), in consultation and cooperation with OTC and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), to adopt rules identifying reduction targets for greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles with gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less to be met by each region served by MPO. Requires rules take into consideration methods of equitably allocating reductions among metropolitan areas given differences in population growth rates. Directs ODOT and DLCD, after consultation with other agencies and Oregon University System, to educate public about need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles with gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less and cost and benefits of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Directs local governments within MPO boundaries, after consultation and in cooperation with MPO and state agencies, to consider if immediate action can be taken to reduce greenhouse gas emission and how regional transportation plans can be altered to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Does not apply to MPO serving Portland. Directs ODOT and DLCD make joint report to Legislative Assembly in 2011 providing information regarding financing and potential sources of financing needed to cover costs of local governments preparing and cooperatively selecting land use and transportation scenarios. Directs ODOT and DLCD make joint report to Legislative Assembly in 2013 regarding progress made in developing statewide transportation strategy, scenario guidelines and toolkit. Specifies that nothing in measure limits authority of agency to regulate air contaminants. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Task Force recommendations
- Potential funding
- Importance of cooperation and coordination with local governments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Directs Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) to adopt statewide transportation strategy on greenhouse gas emissions. Requires rules take into consideration methods of equitably allocating reductions among metropolitan areas given differences in population growth rates. Deletes requirements that local governments take certain actions.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2186 (2009) created the Metropolitan Planning Organization Greenhouse Gas Emissions Task Force to evaluate alternative land use and transportation scenarios that would meet community growth needs while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. On January 11, 2010, the Task Force submitted a report with its recommendations and a proposed legislative concept. Senate Bill 1059A is a product of the Task Force.