

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass with amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/5, 5/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes a road authority to designate speeds five miles per hour lower than the statutory speed on low volume traffic routes designed to facilitate pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Requires the road authority to post signs giving notice of the speed designation and the presence of pedestrians or bicycles.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Consideration of possible amendments to change designated speeds on interstates
- Enforcement of bicycle traffic laws
- Road safety for all users
- Need to deal with issues important to rural areas

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes use of the term neighborhood greenway. Requires the road authority to post signs giving notice of the speed designation.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3150 B allows municipalities to lower speed limits in areas designated as greenways. Portland has identified a need to reduce the speed to 20 from 25 MPH on designated greenways to reduce the chance of accidents between pedestrians or cyclists and automobiles. The reduction in speed is another option municipalities can use to abate mixed-use road accidents.