

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
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Meeting Dates: 5/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts county roads from the standards set for state highways to acquire a new approach permit for a change of use of private approach road. Requires the county court or board of county commissioners to adopt rules and regulations for the issuance of permits for use of rights of way of county roads. Sets access management standards for state highways. Requires the Oregon Department of Transportation to make a decision on an approach permit application within thirty days of applications where spacing and channelization standards are met and within sixty days for all other approach permit applications. Dictates approach permit appeal process and dispute resolution procedures. Requires the appointment of an Access Management Dispute Review Board when requested by an approach permit applicant. Requires the Department to reconsider the approach permit decision based on the findings of the review board and approve, modify, or reverse the Department's original decision. Dictates conditions when the Department can require the applicant of an approach permit to submit a traffic impact analysis. Allows the Department to transfer jurisdiction and ownership of a state highway segment to a local jurisdiction with the consent of the local jurisdiction and to provide annual funding to the city for maintenance of the road segment from the State Highway Fund. Establishes an Access Management Oversight Task Force to monitor the Department implementation of the measure and to recommend legislation to the Legislative Assembly. Sunsets task force in January 2016. Specifies that provisions become operative January 2012. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Facilitate transfer of state highways to local governments
- Work derived from a stakeholder committee
- Lessen mitigation requirements
- Use objective standards for applications
- Increases transparency

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 1024 during the 2010 Special Session, establishing when a new approach road permit is required. That measure also dictated that the Oregon Department of Transportation, in cooperation with stakeholders, develop a highway access management system based on objective standards. To accomplish this task, the Department of Transportation formed a 25-member Access Management Committee which developed Senate Bill 264-A.