

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer

Nays: 0

Exc.: Atkinson

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Meeting Dates: 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates offense of passing or driving alongside of a commercial motor vehicle in a roundabout. Allows a commercial motor vehicle to operate in more than one lane in a multilane roundabout when it is not practicable to remain entirely within one lane. Requires signage at multilane roundabouts regarding the hazard of driving next to commercial motor vehicles.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cost of roundabouts compared to traditional signalized intersections
- Safety concerns with multilane roundabouts
- Accident rates in roundabouts compared to traditional signalized intersections
- Difficulty of large trucks navigating roundabouts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: A roundabout is a one-way circular intersection that can be used to control traffic instead of a stop sign or traffic signal. Vehicles can enter and merge with other traffic, and exit the roundabout at their appropriate departure point, while maintaining a slower, steady speed. There are approximately 51 roundabouts in Oregon, only one of which, in Astoria, is on the State Highway system. Most roundabouts in Oregon are single lane, with only seven being multilane.