

76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session  
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY  
House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development

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MEASURE: SB 447 A  
CARRIER: Rep. Beyer

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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Action: Do Pass

Vote: 6 - 2 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Nathanson, Sheehan, Smith J., Bentz, Read

Nays: Lindsay, Weidner

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/25

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows the Department of Transportation to remove property under state highway bridges, along rivers, and within urban growth boundaries. Requires the Department to give between 5 and 19 days posted notice prior to removing the property. Allows tangible property to be claimed by the owner for at least 30 days subsequent to the removal. Allows removal of property sooner than 30 days if an emergency exists.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Homeless citizens often utilize bridges for shelter
- Personal effects can create water hazards and pollute water supplies
- Posting signs in two languages

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Department of Transportation currently investigates and clears property under bridges when necessary through the Bridge Inspection Program.

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