

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: Atkinson, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer

Nays: 0

Exc.: Burdick

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Meeting Dates: 2/28, 3/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that the Department of Transportation may remove personal property deposited, left or displayed under a state highway bridge along a river within an urban growth boundary after posting a written notice within 30 feet of the personal property at least five days and no more than 19 days prior to the removal. Allows the Department to proceed with removal even if the notice is removed during the posting period. Requires the Department to store removed personal property for a period of not less than 30 days to allow it to be claimed. Allows the Department, without written notice, to remove personal property in event of exceptional emergency. Specifies that seasonal increases in river levels are not an exceptional emergency but that unanticipated flooding does constitute and exceptional emergency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Temporary postings are more effective than permanent signs
- Procedures for posting signs are removed during the posting period
- The Oregon Department of Transportation is already required to store personal material so it can be claimed

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Provides notice requirements of at least five days and no more than 19 days prior to removal. Specifies that seasonal increases in river levels are not an exceptional emergency but that unanticipated flooding does constitute and exceptional emergency.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Department of Transportation inspects 6,701 state, county and city bridges through its Bridge Inspection Program. 2,692 of those bridges are state owned bridges. The Department estimates that Senate Bill 447 A impacts 335 bridges.