

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****CARRIER:**

House Committee on Transportation &amp; Economic Development

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: No fiscal impact****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: No subsequent referral****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Troy Rayburn, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/22, 5/29

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Expands offense of violation of slow-moving vehicle emblem requirements to include display of slow-moving emblem on highway for purpose other than what is required under law.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

Issues discussed in the House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development:

- Use of emblem on stationary objects – Albany, Oregon, example that caused death
- Class C penalty
- Education / outreach to inform public
- Role of law enforcement
- Definition of highway

Issues discussed in Senate Committee on Business and Transportation:

- Proper uses of emblems
- Anecdote of use on stationary roadside objects

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment

**BACKGROUND:** Passed out of the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation 4-0-2. Passed the Senate chamber 28-0-2.

ORS 815.110 outlines the types of vehicles that are required to display a slow-moving vehicle emblem when operating such vehicle on Oregon roadways. The list includes: vehicles (or combinations of vehicles) that are designed for customary use at speeds of less than 25 miles per hour; golf carts or similar vehicles when operated by a person with a disability; and Class I, II and IV all-terrain vehicles when being operated on a highway as part of agricultural or farming operations.

The slow-moving vehicle emblem is to be displayed on the rear of a vehicle to provide warning to other vehicles approaching from behind that the vehicle ahead may be moving below the posted speed limit. The emblem is to be placed at the center of the vehicle, between two and six feet above the ground. The emblem is in the shape of an equilateral triangle with points removed; the center is a 12” triangle of yellow-orange fluorescent material, with a 1-3/4” border of dark red, highly reflective beaded material.

Senate Bill 487 expands the offense of violation of slow-moving vehicle emblem requirements to include the use of a slow-moving vehicle emblem on vehicles that are not required to use them under ORS 815.110.

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