

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 0 - 3
Yeas:	Cameron, Davis, Doherty, Gorsek, Lively, McKeown, Parrish
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Bentz, Nathanson, Read
Prepared By:	Troy Rayburn, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits waste collection vehicles to stop, stand or park to collect solid waste, recyclable material or yard debris.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Safety issues
- Codifies current practices

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, “waste collection vehicles” are not lawfully permitted to stop in the lane of traffic, receive right of way, or otherwise impede traffic flow to collect garbage or recyclable materials. Though these collection vehicles and other vehicles associated with refuse collection activities regularly stop, stand, or park to collect these materials and are customarily granted right of way, it is nonetheless unlawful.

In December 2012, a collection vehicle in Crook County was engaged in routine refuse collection and was hit by a passenger vehicle. Upon further investigation, law enforcement informed the collection company of the possibility of the illegality of their activities. Though there were no written formal citations or other sanctions, the officers did have authority to do so, as no clear exemption exists. House Bill 3266 is intended to provide a solution to that problem. By exempting waste collection vehicles under the same provisions as public buses, school buses, and city, county, or state vehicles completing routine maintenance or inspection. Additionally, the measure only exempts these vehicles if proper warning lights/signals (“flashers”) are utilized.