

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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| Action: | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed |
| Vote: | 8 - 0 - 1 |
| Yeas: | Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Hicks, Krieger, Olson, Williamson, Barker |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | Tomei |
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| Meeting Dates: | 3/28, 4/11 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows use of red light photo camera pictures in criminal judicial proceedings other than failure to obey traffic control device prosecutions excluding other violations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Photos that capture criminal episodes beyond failure to obey a traffic control device should be available as evidence in criminal court proceedings

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Limits use to criminal judicial proceedings and only the criminal violation of failure to obey a traffic control device, not other violations like talking on a cell phone or failure to wear a seat belt.

BACKGROUND: Currently red light traffic photos can only be used to enforce ORS 811.265 (failure to obey traffic control device). There may be situations when allowing use of the photos would benefit community safety, such as when a bank robber is speeding away from the scene of the crime, and gets his/her picture taken at a nearby intersection while running a red light. That photo could be invaluable in such a prosecution. This bill would allow that photo to be used.