

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

**Vote:** 4 - 1 - 0

**Yeas:** Dingfelder, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski

**Nays:** Close

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/21, 5/28

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows use of red light photo camera pictures in criminal judicial proceedings of “A” misdemeanors or felonies and failure to obey traffic control device prosecutions excluding other violations.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Law enforcement need to use evidence in prosecution of serious crimes

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Limits use of red light photo camera evidence to Class A misdemeanors and felonies (as well as red light violations).

**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. House Bill 2601 B would allow that photo to be used.