

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: JOINT WAYS AND MEANS

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/11, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund to the Department of Transportation for provision of free transit passes for secondary school students residing within the service area of Lane Transit District. Directs Lane Transit District to submit progress report to legislative committees on transportation by September 15, 2016. Sunsets January 2, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Pilot program designed to collect data
- Ability of students without transportation to participate in extracurricular activities
- Ability of students without transportation to receive after-school tutoring
- Perception of bus riding

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Most school districts in Oregon provide student transit services for students attending schools in their districts. In some cases, these school districts reside, in whole or in part, within the service district of public transit providers. While school bus transportation can provide rides for students to and from school during regular hours, students that rely on school bus service may not have the opportunity to participate in before-school or after-school activities.