

REVENUE: No Revenue Impact
FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact
SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

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Meeting Dates: 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Replaces requirement for rear reflector or light device when operating bicycle during limited visibility conditions with requirement for red light on rear of bicycle.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 815.280 outlines equipment requirements for operating bicycles on Oregon highways. The required equipment includes brakes, front lights and rear reflectors or lights; the light/reflector requirement apply when operating the bicycle in limited visibility conditions. The statute also prohibits installation of whistles or sirens on bicycles, except those used by police officers.

House Bill 3255A replaces the current requirement that bicycles be equipped with either a reflector or lighting device with the requirement for a red light visible from all distances up to 600 feet from the rear of the bicycle when traveling in limited visibility conditions such as darkness or fog. The offense remains a Class D traffic violation, punishable by a maximum fine of \$250.

The vote count in the Transportation and Economic Development Committee was 6-0-1, and the House vote count was 44-14-2.