Senator Shields

FULL COMMITTEE PONY

HB 2621 Relating to photo radar

HB 2621 allows the City of Portland to operate fixed photo radar systems in urban high crash corridors. The fiscal and revenue impacts as a result of the fixed photo radar systems will be dependent on the total number of units in place, the rollout schedule to be determined by the City of Portland, and the volume of violations produced via the fixed photo units.

The amendment provides \$1.25 million General Fund to the Judicial Department for the Multnomah County Circuit Court Violations Bureau. This amount will fund 12 positions within the Violations Bureau which are anticipated to be sufficient to handle the initial rollout at an additional 50,000 citations per year. This number of citations is a conservative estimate and additional resources may be necessary if volume is higher. All costs to the Judicial Department related to the fixed photo radar units are directly correlated to the volume of citations received.

The amendment also includes setting aside \$1 million in a special purpose appropriation to the Emergency Board in the event citations reach levels beyond the estimated 50,000 per year in the 15-17 biennium.

It is assumed that the collection of fines will generate sufficient revenues to offset any General Fund that is used for the Judicial Department's costs of processing the violations.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 2621 be amended by the -A12 amendment, and be reported out do pass as amended.