

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation and Economic Development

MEASURE: HB 2236

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date: 03/20/15

Action: Do Pass And Be Referred To Ways And Means By Prior Reference

Meeting Dates: 02/25, 03/20

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Bentz, Davis, Gorsek, Lively, McKeown, McLain

Exc: 1 - Hack

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs state agency assessment moneys be used to provide public transportation services to city transit agencies. Applies to wages paid to state agency employees during calendar quarters beginning on or after the measure's effective date. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Treats municipal transit agencies the same as transit districts
- No effect on existing transit districts
- Connections between different transit agency service areas

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) collects an amount equal to six-tenths of one percent of payroll for state agencies that operate within the boundary of a mass transit district or other transportation district, and remits these funds to the district to provide for public transit services for state employees. The statute currently applies only to transit agencies organized as a special district or service district.

House Bill 2236 makes municipal transit agencies eligible for state agency assessment funds through collection by DAS. There are 10 cities that operate municipal transit districts which would be eligible should the measure be enacted: Albany, Canby, Corvallis, Lebanon, Milton-Freewater, Reedsport, Sandy, Silverton, Woodburn and Wilsonville.