

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Transportation and Economic Development

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/13/15

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

Meeting Dates: 03/11, 04/13

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Davis, Lively, McKeown, McLain

Nays: 2 - Bentz, Hack

Exc: 1 - Gorsek

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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.