

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Senate Committee On Judiciary****Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/21/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Referral To Rules. (Printed A-Engrossed.)**Meeting Dates:** 03/17, 04/21**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Burdick, Gelser, Kruse, Prozanski, Thatcher

Prepared By: Eric Deitrick, Counsel**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Restricts use of motor vehicle registration plate surveillance cameras. Limits use of data collected by surveillance cameras. Limits retention of data to one year. Requires public bodies establish policies and produce annual report detailing the use of collected data. Establishes rules on admissibility of collected data in court proceedings. Creates exemptions. Defines terms.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Ways in which this data can be used by law enforcement
- Privacy concerns with automatic license plate reader technology and use

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Modifies the time for which public bodies may retain captured plate data from 24 hours to one year. Authorizes extension by court order for up to one year at a time.

BACKGROUND:

Motor vehicle registration plate surveillance cameras (“cameras”) are devices that contain small cameras, specific software, and networking capabilities. The cameras can be easily mounted anywhere, including cars and public highways. The cameras are programmed to survey and capture license plate information. When the camera captures license plate data it creates a time and location stamp. That data can be matched against information in certain databases, ranging from the Law Enforcement Data System, National Crime Information Center, the Mission Persons Clearinghouse, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Oregon Department of Transportation. There is no statewide policy on the use or disposal of information captured by these cameras.