

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****House Committee On Rules****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 05/20/15**Action:** Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Ways  
And Means.**Meeting Dates:** 05/20**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Barnhart, Gilliam, Hoyle, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Wilson

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes 17-member Task Force on Vision Zero: Achieving Zero Traffic Crashes, Injuries and Fatalities. Specifies membership and charge of Task Force. Requires Task Force to submit report, no later than September 15, 2016, to an interim legislative committee related to transportation. Specifies Oregon Department of Transportation is responsible for providing staff support to Task Force. Sunsets December 31, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Background regarding amendment
- Legislative efforts to improve bicycle safety

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Replaces original measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Vision Zero is a road traffic safety concept that sets an objective of creating a highway system with no fatalities or serious injuries in road traffic. The concept originated in Sweden, where it was approved by that nation's parliament in 1997. That program's core principle is that no loss of life is acceptable, and that the road system needs to be designed to protect the lives of users. New York City has also adopted a Vision Zero approach, in response to statistics showing that vehicle accidents injure or kill a New Yorker every two hours.

House Bill 2736-A creates a 17-member Task Force on Vision Zero: Achieving Zero Traffic Crashes, Injuries and Fatalities. The Task Force is charged with examining strategies to reduce and eliminate traffic crashes in general, and crashes resulting in injury and death in particular, as well as crashes involving bicycles and pedestrians, by a specific target date to be determined by the Task Force. The Oregon Department of Transportation will provide staffing for the Task Force, which is to submit a report by September 15, 2016, including recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee related to transportation.