

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

MEASURE: SB 271 A
CARRIER: Rep. Hack

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/01/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/18, 06/01

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Bentz, Davis, Gorsek, Hack, Lively, McKeown, McLain

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies the standards for the state safety oversight program for rail fixed guideway systems. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Achieves compliance with federal law
- Timeline for development of recommendations by Federal Transit Administration
- Whether additional staffing will be required to implement measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

There are concerns about the safe operation of public transportation by rail fixed guideway systems (trolleys, light rail and subways) across the nation. Congress responded to these concerns in 2012 by enacting the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), which expanded the scope and requirements placed on states for safety oversight of rail fixed guideway systems that receive federal funds through the Federal Transit Administration and are not subject to Federal Railroad Administration regulation.