

HB 2292 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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Meeting Dates: 4/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Replaces term "rail fixed guideway system" in statute with "rail fixed guideway public transportation system."

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Federal law defines "rail fixed guideway system" to mean "any light, heavy, or rapid rail system, monorail, inclined plane, funicular, trolley or automated guideway" not regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration that is included in the Federal Transit Administration's calculation of fixed guideway route miles or that receives FTA formula program funding for urbanized areas. The term generally refers to any public transportation facility that uses a designated right of way or rails; in Oregon the term is generally applied to the Portland Streetcar and to TriMet's MAX light rail system.

Changes to federal definitions, codified at 49 CFR 674, have resulted in Oregon statute no longer being consistent with federal regulations, which apply only to rail fixed guideway public transportation systems. House Bill 2292 modifies the definition to clarify that the regulations apply only to public systems.

HOUSE VOTE: 57-0