

HB 2292 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Conforms Oregon Law with federal law and rules regarding fixed guideway public transportation systems. Removes definitions inconsistent with federal law and clarifies that fixed guideway systems are a regulated public transportation system. Clarifies Department of Transportation's responsibilities for monitoring rail fixed guideway systems.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is the designated State Safety Oversight Agency responsible for of light rail systems in Oregon. Federal law was changed in 2012 and in 2015 the Assembly revised the state statutes to reflect changes at the federal level. The Federal Transit Administration provided additional feedback to the state, indicating that additional changes and clarifications were needed to bring the ORS into compliance with the federal requirements. Fixed guideways are the physical tracks that lite rail and trolleys travel on, similar to train tracks.