

HB 2460 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes school bus driver to operate video recording device on school bus to record drivers who fail to stop for school bus safety lights. Allows police officer to review video and issue citation. Provides registered owner of vehicle to whom citation is issued with ability to submit certificate of innocence or certificate of nonliability.

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:

As a general rule, a violation citation may be issued by a police officer only if the underlying conduct is witnessed by a police officer. ORS 153.042; 810.410. A number of exceptions to this general rule exist. For example, current law authorizes all cities to operate red light cameras (ORS 810.434 to 813.436), and certain cities to operate photographic radar systems (ORS 810.438 to 810.442), and issue corresponding citations. House Bill 2460 similarly allows police officers to issue citations based on video evidence, while providing registered owners of the offending vehicle the opportunity to submit a certificate of innocence or certificate of nonliability in appropriate circumstances. The offense of failure to stop for bus safety lights is a Class A traffic violation, punishable by a presumptive fine of \$435.