

HB 4054 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

Carrier: Rep. Reardon

Action Date: 02/14/18
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 8-0-1-0
Yeas: 8 - Bonham, Evans, McLain, Meek, Noble, Salinas, Vial, Wilson
Exc: 1 - Witt
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Department of Transportation to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Portland for the purposes of removing certain personal property from locations within the city's urban growth boundary. Sunsets January 2, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Scope of homelessness issue in Portland region
- Need for coordination between agencies with regard to site cleanup
- Types of objects cleaned up at former homeless camp sites
- Causes of homelessness and services available to alleviate those causes
- Benefits of homeless camps to the homeless
- Effect of homeless sweeps
- Whether approach could work in other jurisdictions
- Importance of involving all stakeholders

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure. Modifies allowable terms of intergovernmental agreement. Sunsets January 2, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Portland prohibits unsanctioned camping within city limits (City Code 14A.50.020 and 14A.50.050). Under the code, campers are notified at least 24 hours in advance that an unlawful camping site is to be cleared, though it typically takes between 24 and 72 hours before cleanup occurs. The cleanup process is designed to restore the land in question to public use, and can include removing and disposing of debris, garbage, waste, and biohazards.