

HB 4054 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Monroe

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Action Date: 02/21/18
Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen
Exc: 1 - Girod
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. Specifies requirements of posting notice. Sunsets January 2, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for coordinated efforts between Oregon Department of Transportation and City of Portland for site cleanup
- Desire to keep trails clean and accessible to the public
- Types of objects cleaned up at former homeless camp sites
- Ability of City of Portland to offer additional services when cleaning up site
- Time to identify best practices before provision sunsets in 2023
- Requirements of posting notice

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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.

House Bill 4054-A authorizes the Department of Transportation to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with a city that has a population over 500,000 for the purpose of removing certain personal property from locations within the city's urban growth boundary. The City of Portland is the only Oregon city with a population exceeding 500,000. The authority sunsets January 2, 2023.