

HB 2347 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies that newspaper or mail delivery driver on his or her delivery route is exempt from the seatbelt requirement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Definition of route
- Scope of measure
- Need for clarifying language

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Adds clarifying language.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 811.210 requires that seatbelts be worn by drivers and passengers while a vehicle is operated on a public road. Failure to do so is a Class D traffic violation that carries a presumptive fine of \$115. There are several exemptions to the seatbelt requirement, including one for individuals delivering newspapers or mail in the regular course of work.

HB 2347 clarifies that the exception to the seatbelt requirement for mail or newspaper delivery applies only when that driver is on his or her route.