

HB 2347 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Power

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 03/21/19

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 8-0-3-0

Yeas: 8 - Barker, Bynum, Gorsek, Lewis, Piluso, Power, Stark, Williamson

Exc: 3 - Greenlick, McLane, Sprenger

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/27, 3/21

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:

- Clarity of current law
- Definition of route
- Effects of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 is a presumptive fine of \$115. There are several exemptions to the requirement, however, 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.