

HB 4036 -20, -21 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to delegate authority to set speed limits to cities under certain circumstances. Adds Port of Portland passenger terminal to list of facilities where open carry of firearms is prohibited. Allows electric company or natural gas company to recover costs from consumers for expenses of infrastructure to support adoption of alternative forms of transportation vehicles. Changes required date of biennial report on condition of transportation infrastructure. Eliminates and replaces outdated terms and requirements from statutes related to railroads. Aligns statutory odometer check requirement with federal law. Allows use of registered address, rather than owner's address, for Clean Diesel program. Exempts park model recreational vehicles from VIN inspections. Authorizes ODOT to waive exams, tests, or demonstrations for applicants that hold a valid, out-of-state license to operate motor vehicles. Clarifies definition of "bicycle" for purposes of bicycle excise tax. Eliminates sunset on temporary two-cent increases in jet fuel and aviation fuel taxes and increases each an additional two cents, effective January 1, 2022. Modifies grant programs administered by Oregon Department of Aviation. Modifies statutes related to Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund and related grant program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Uses of aviation and jet fuel tax revenues
- Unfunded needs in airports across Oregon
- Availability of federal aviation funding with 10 percent match
- Efforts to increase funding for transportation electrification
- Security at Portland International Airport and other airports throughout Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-20 Deletes provisions related to speed limits. Broadens applicability of prohibition against open carry of firearms to all commercial service airports. Modifies language related to electric vehicle charging infrastructure and allows natural gas utilities to recoup investments in natural gas and hydrogen transportation infrastructure. Deletes provision related to registered address for Clean Diesel program. Clarifies language related to VIN inspection. Eliminates statutory prioritization of fund distributions for grant programs administered by State Board of Aviation. Restores language related to water quality standards for railroad engines. Clarifies language related to separation of parking cards and other documents issued by Department of Transportation. Clarifies language related to salvage title. Clarifies language related to user emblems for use fuels tax collection. Clarifies ability of Department of Transportation and local governments to enter into agreements for Department to collect and distribute fuel taxes on behalf of local government, retroactive to 1977. Requires drivers to pay extra attention to message provided by flashing yellow beacons. Requires motor carriers participating in mandatory education program to attend at least eight hours of classroom instruction, which may include webinar option; increases maximum allowable fee for classes from \$60 to \$200 and allows Department to appoint agents to administer the classes. Adds county-owned airports to list of facilities exempt from providing preferences to persons who are blind with regard to operation of vending facilities.

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-21 IDENTICAL TO -20 AMENDMENT, except that the additional two-cent increases in aviation fuel taxes and jet fuel taxes are removed.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 4036 is the omnibus transportation bill for the 2020 Session.