House Bill 2019

Sponsored by Representative OWENS (at the request of City of Unity) (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Authorizes City of Unity to operate photo radar. Provides exception to allow City of Unity to operate photo radar on portion of U.S. Highway 26 within city.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to photo radar; amending ORS 810.438.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 810.438 is amended to read:

810.438. (1) The following jurisdictions may, at their own cost, operate photo radar:

(a) Albany.
(b) Beaverton.
(c) Bend.
(d) Eugene.
(e) Gladstone.
(f) Medford.
(g) Milwaukie.
(h) Oregon City.
(i) Portland.
(j) Tigard.
(k) Unity.

(2) A photo radar system operated under this section:

(a) May be used on streets in residential areas or school zones.
(b) May be used in other areas if the governing body of the city makes a finding that speeding has had a negative impact on traffic safety in those areas.
(c) May not be used for more than four hours per day in any one location.
(d) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this subsection, may not be used on controlled access highways.

(e) May be used on the portion of U.S. Highway 26 within the City of Unity.

(f) May not be used unless a sign is posted announcing “Traffic Laws Photo Enforced.” The sign posted under this paragraph must:

(A) Be on the street on which the photo radar unit is being used;
(B) Be between 100 and 400 yards before the location of the photo radar unit;
(C) Be at least two feet above ground level; and
(D) If posted in a school zone not otherwise marked by a flashing light used as a traffic control device, indicate that school is in session.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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(3) A city that operates a photo radar system under this section shall, once each biennium, conduct a process and outcome evaluation for the purposes of subsection (4) of this section that includes:

(a) The effect of the use of the photo radar system on traffic safety;

(b) The degree of public acceptance of the use of the photo radar system; and

(c) The process of administration of the use of the photo radar system.

(4) By March 1 of each odd-numbered year, each city that operates a photo radar system under this section shall present to the Legislative Assembly the process and outcome evaluation conducted by the city under subsection (3) of this section.