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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act states that a county may designate a part of a county road as a safety corridor when that part of the road has a lot of bad car crashes. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.8).

Makes permanent the county safety corridor program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to county safety corridors; creating new provisions; and amending
3 ORS 153.020.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part**
6 **of the Oregon Vehicle Code.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) Counties may designate as safety corridors seg-**
8 **ments of highway that have an incidence rate of reported traffic**
9 **crashes resulting in fatalities or serious injuries that is higher than**
10 **the average rate of crashes in the county. The county commission for**
11 **each county may designate no more than two safety corridors at one**
12 **time.**

13 **(2) A safety corridor designated under subsection (1) of this section**
14 **must satisfy the criteria established by the county. Before designating**
15 **a safety corridor the county shall:**

16 **(a) Establish objective criteria for designating a segment of highway**
17 **as a safety corridor under this section; and**

18 **(b) Establish requirements for regular community engagement,**
19 **heightened enforcement, engineering improvements, infrastructure**
20 **investments and public outreach.**

1 **(3) Counties shall post signs in safety corridors designated by the**
2 **county indicating that fines for traffic offenses committed in the**
3 **safety corridor will be doubled.**

4 **(4)(a) The presumptive fine for a person charged with an offense**
5 **that is listed in paragraph (d)(A) or (B) of this subsection and that is**
6 **committed in a safety corridor designated by a county under this sec-**
7 **tion shall be the amount established under ORS 153.020.**

8 **(b) The minimum fine for a person convicted of a misdemeanor of-**
9 **fense that is listed in paragraph (d)(C) to (G) of this subsection and**
10 **that is committed in a safety corridor designated by a county under**
11 **this section is 20 percent of the maximum fine established for the of-**
12 **fense.**

13 **(c) The minimum fine for a person convicted of a felony offense**
14 **that is listed in paragraph (d)(C) to (G) of this subsection and that is**
15 **committed in a safety corridor designated by a county under this sec-**
16 **tion is two percent of the maximum fine established for the offense.**

17 **(d) This subsection applies to the following offenses if committed**
18 **in the designated safety corridors:**

19 **(A) Class A or Class B traffic violations.**

20 **(B) Class C or Class D traffic violations related to exceeding a legal**
21 **speed.**

22 **(C) Reckless driving, as defined in ORS 811.140.**

23 **(D) Driving while under the influence of intoxicants, as defined in**
24 **ORS 813.010.**

25 **(E) Failure to perform the duties of a driver involved in a collision,**
26 **as described in ORS 811.700 or 811.705.**

27 **(F) Criminal driving while suspended or revoked, as defined in ORS**
28 **811.182.**

29 **(G) Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, as defined in**
30 **ORS 811.540.**

31 **SECTION 3.** ORS 153.020 is amended to read:

1 153.020. (1) If a person is charged with a traffic violation, as defined in
2 ORS 801.557, and the enforcement officer issuing the citation notes on the
3 citation that the offense occurred in a highway work zone and is subject to
4 the provisions of ORS 811.230, occurred in a posted school zone and is subject
5 to the provisions of ORS 811.235, or occurred in a safety corridor and is
6 subject to the provisions of ORS 811.483 or section 2, chapter 501, Oregon
7 Laws 2019 **or section 2 of this 2025 Act**, the presumptive fine for the vio-
8 lation is:

9 (a) \$875 for a Class A violation.

10 (b) \$525 for a Class B violation.

11 (c) \$325 for a Class C violation.

12 (d) \$225 for a Class D violation.

13 (2) Any surcharge imposed under ORS 1.188 shall be added to and made
14 a part of the presumptive fine.

15 **SECTION 4.** ORS 153.020, as amended by section 4, chapter 501, Oregon
16 Laws 2019, is amended to read:

17 153.020. (1) If a person is charged with a traffic violation, as defined in
18 ORS 801.557, and the enforcement officer issuing the citation notes on the
19 citation that the offense occurred in a highway work zone and is subject to
20 the provisions of ORS 811.230, occurred in a posted school zone and is subject
21 to the provisions of ORS 811.235, or occurred in a safety corridor and is
22 subject to the provisions of ORS 811.483 **or section 2 of this 2025 Act**, the
23 presumptive fine for the violation is:

24 (a) \$875 for a Class A violation.

25 (b) \$525 for a Class B violation.

26 (c) \$325 for a Class C violation.

27 (d) \$225 for a Class D violation.

28 (2) Any surcharge imposed under ORS 1.188 shall be added to and made
29 a part of the presumptive fine.

30 **SECTION 5.** **Section 2 of this 2025 Act and the amendments to ORS**
31 **153.020 by sections 3 and 4 of this 2025 Act apply to offenses committed**

1 **on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.**

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