

HB 3188 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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Meeting Dates: 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds Marion County to list of road authorities authorized to designate speeds on certain roads under their jurisdiction.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Historically, road authorities in Oregon other than the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) that sought to change speed limits to other than the statutory speed limit for the type of roadway were required to make a formal request to the Department to change the speed. The process involved providing findings to justify changing the speed, and often involved a lengthy process.

House Bill 2682 (2017) provided the City of Portland with authority to establish, by ordinance, a designated speed that is five miles per hour below the statutory speed in cases where the road is in a residence district, is not an arterial highway, and if signage is posted to inform the traveling public. Subsequent legislation (Senate Bill 558, 2019) expanded this authority to all cities, and House Bill 3055 (2021) authorized ODOT to delegate its authority to Clackamas County, Multnomah County, or any city to set speeds on roads under their jurisdiction that are low volume or unpaved.

House Bill 3188 expands authority for speed setting on low-volume or unpaved roads to Marion County.