74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Judiciary

MEASURE: CARRIER:

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows cities to operate cameras designed to photograph drivers who fail to obey traffic control devices ("red light cameras").

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Effectiveness of photo red light cameras

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 810.434 allows cities with populations over 30,000 and Newberg to install and operate red light cameras at the city's expense. Presently, Portland ("a city with a population of 300,000 or more") is limited to no more than 12 cameras. Other cities are presently limited to cameras at no more than eight intersections.

HB 2508 A amends ORS 810.434 by eliminating the threshold population requirement and the Newburg exception (which would no longer be necessary). It also eliminates the restriction on the numbers of intersections in which a city can install cameras. Finally, HB 2508 A also eliminates a requirement that the Oregon Department of Transportation prepare and provide a report to the legislature on the subject each session (individual cities already have to do this; the ODOT report was redundant).