

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Do Pass  
Vote: 4 - 0 - 2  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Modifies definition of “transit bus” for purposes of offense of failure to yield right of way to transit bus entering traffic.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Consistent use of terms across statutes
- Counties operating transit buses

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 811.167 currently defines “transit bus” as a commercial bus operated by a city, mass transit district or transportation district. This definition applies to the offense of failure to yield the right of way to a transit bus entering traffic, a Class D traffic violation. The violation occurs when a driver overtakes a stopped bus, the bus signals intention to enter the traffic lane occupied by the driver, and the driver fails to yield the right of way to the bus. The bus must be equipped with an illuminated and flashing yield sign, and the bus driver retains responsibility for safely enter the traffic lane.

Because of how “transit bus” is defined in ORS 811.167, the statute does not apply to county-operated transit buses. House Bill 2630 adds county transit buses to the definition of transit bus for purposes of the offense of failure to yield right of way.