

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Judiciary
Vote:	6 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Edwards, Girod, Monroe, Starr, Thomsen, Beyer
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/16, 5/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows for use of photo radar enforcement in highway work zones, including work zones located on interstate highways, if workers are present or in cases where configuration of the roadway is temporarily changed. Removes sunset on provisions allowing use of photo radar enforcement in highway work zones.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Statistics regarding accidents occurring in highway work zones
- Placement and signage requirements for photo radar in work zones
- Importance of worker safety in highway work zones

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Specifies that photo radar may be used in highway work zones only if workers are present or if configuration of roadway is temporarily changed.

BACKGROUND: There are currently 10 cities in Oregon (Albany, Beaverton, Bend, Eugene, Gladstone, Medford, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Portland and Tigard) that are statutorily permitted to use photo radar devices to enforce speed limits on segments of public roads. Photo radar devices are currently limited to use in residential areas, school zones or in other locations if a local governing body finds that speed has a negative impact on safety. Use of the devices is limited to four hours per day in a given location. Cities utilizing photo radar must submit biennial reports to the Legislative Assembly outlining the results of required process and outcome evaluations on their photo radar program.

In addition, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is authorized to utilize photo radar enforcement in highway work zones located on state highways, except on interstate highways. Use of the devices requires posting of signage notifying drivers of photo enforcement and operation out of a marked police vehicle by a uniformed police officer. Photo speed enforcement may only be used when highway workers are present. The authorization for operating photo radar in highway work zones currently exists under a pilot program, which is scheduled to sunset in 2014.

House Bill 2265-A removes the sunset provision from the use of photo radar enforcement in highway work zones. In addition, the measure deletes the prohibition on use of photo radar in work zones on interstate highways. Finally, the measure specifies that workers must be present in the highway work zone or the roadway configuration must be temporarily changed for photo radar enforcement to take place.