

HB 2347 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies that newspaper or mail delivery driver on his or her delivery route is exempt from the seatbelt requirement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Clarity of current law
- Definition of route
- Effects of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 811.210 requires that seatbelts must be worn while a vehicle is driven on a public road. Failure to do so is a Class D traffic violation that results in a presumptive fine of \$115. However there are also several exemptions contained in statute, including one for individuals delivering newspapers or mail in the regular course of work.

HB 2347 clarifies that the exception to the seatbelt requirement for mail or newspaper delivery applies when that driver is on his or her route.