

HB 2347 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Prozanski

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 05/14/19

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Bentz, Fagan, Gelser, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/18, 5/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies that driver actually delivering newspapers or mail while on his or her delivery route is exempt from seatbelt requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Definition of route
- Scope of measure
- Need for clarifying language

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds clarifying language.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 811.210 requires that seatbelts be worn by drivers and passengers while a vehicle is operated on a public road. Failure to do so is a Class D traffic violation that carries a presumptive fine of \$115. There are several exemptions to the seatbelt requirement, including one for individuals delivering newspapers or mail in the regular course of work.

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