

**SB 166 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Transportation**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires that motor vehicles must use headlights at all time when the vehicle is being driven on a highway. Designates failure to do so as Class B traffic violation, with a maximum fine of \$1,000.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Under current law, a motor vehicle driver commits the offense of failure to use headlights if driving any vehicle in a funeral procession without using low-beam headlights. Motorcycles and mopeds are required to operate headlights at all times (ORS 814.320). All states require that vehicles use headlights between sunset and sunrise; some states extend the requirement to one-half hour prior to sunset and one-half hour after sunrise; and some states require operation of headlights during rain, snow, or other inclement weather.