

SB 395 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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Meeting Dates: 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases the required expenditure on footpaths and bicycle trails from one percent to five percent of amounts received from the State Highway Fund. Makes applicable to Department of Transportation, counties, and cities under certain circumstances. Directs Department to report annually to the Joint Committee on Transportation regarding implementation of program. Revises membership and duties of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Bicycle paths and sidewalks within highway, road and street rights of way are an eligible use of moneys from the State Highway Fund. Oregon law requires that counties and cities spend at least one percent of their annual State Highway Fund receipts on bike paths and sidewalks; bike paths, trails, and other facilities that are not within the highway right of way are not eligible for State Highway Fund moneys and are funded through other sources. The provisions apply to cities in which the amount spent for a given year would be less than \$250 (cities) or \$1,500 (counties), and applies to projects where a highway, road, or street is being constructed, reconstructed, or relocated..

Senate Bill 395 increases, from one percent to five percent, the minimum allotment of State Highway Fund moneys for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. This provision is also expanded to include resurfacing projects. The measure also requires that electric assisted bicycles and motor scooters be allowed to use sidewalks and bike paths, and specifies that highway shoulders are not considered a "bicycle trail" under the measure.

Senate Bill 395 also revises statutes related to the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, which was first created in 1973 to advise the Oregon Department of Transportation. It increases membership from eight members to 11 members (without modifying the list of groups required to be represented) and adds a list of issues that the Advisory Committee is to advise Department.