

## HB 3357 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Joint Committee On Transportation

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes duly authorized traffic enforcement agents to review and issue citations based on photographs taken by photo red light cameras. Defines "duly authorized traffic enforcement agent."

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-2 Replaces references to "law enforcement agency" with "public body" as defined by ORS 174.109.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

All cities in Oregon are authorized to operate cameras to provide for photo enforcement of violations for failure to obey a traffic control device. Prior to passage of House Bill 2508 (2007), only cities with populations greater than 30,000, and the City of Newberg, were authorized to do so. Using devices mounted on or near the traffic control device, cameras are used to record vehicles entering the intersection after the light has turned red. Following review of the photographic evidence by a sworn police officer of the violation, a citation is issued by mail to the registered owner of the vehicle. With the passage of House Bill 2409 (2017), cameras mounted for photo enforcement of red light violations may also be used to issue citations for speed limit violations.

Cities operating photo enforcement of traffic control device violations are required to conduct biennial process and outcome evaluations and to present reports accordingly to the Legislative Assembly.

House Bill 3357 specifies that citations for red light violations may be issued by police officers or by a duly authorized traffic enforcement agent of a law enforcement agency who has reviewed the photographic evidence.