

HB 2530 -7 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Repeals the sunset on authorization to operate fixed photo radar on urban high crash corridors in the City of Portland. Expands authorization to operate fixed-photo radar on urban high crash corridors to all cities with populations of at least 50,000 residents. Revises definition of "urban high crash corridor." Eliminates biennial outcome evaluation and reporting requirements for fixed photo radar systems.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reduction in crashes in areas utilizing fixed-photo radar
- intended to improve safety, not raise revenue
- Signage and equipment requirements for fixed photo radar
- Method of analysis for where devices should be placed
- Speed is a factor in most fatal crashes
- Traffic crashes are leading cause of death for Portland residents ages 1-45

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-7 Deletes all provisions of measure except repeal of sunset on authorization to operate fixed photo radar on urban high crash corridors in the City of Portland.

FISCAL:

REVENUE:

BACKGROUND:

There are currently 11 cities in Oregon (Albany, Beaverton, Bend, Eugene, Fairview, Gladstone, Medford, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Portland and Tigard) that are statutorily permitted to use photo radar devices to enforce speed limits on segments of public roads. The photo radar devices are limited to use in residential areas or school zones or in other locations if a local governing body finds that speed has a negative impact on safety. Use of the devices is limited to four hours per day in a given location; Fairview was authorized, under a pilot program during 2014, to operate in school zones during the hours between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Cities operating photo radar are required to submit biennial reports to the Legislative Assembly outlining the results of required process and outcome evaluations of their photo radar programs.

House Bill 2621 (2015) authorized the City of Portland to operate fixed-photo radar systems on urban high-crash corridors. A fixed-photo radar system is located at specific intersections and can operate 24 hours per day. Revenues generated from citations are limited to use for system maintenance and operation and for improving traffic safety for all modes of transportation. Portland currently operates fixed-photo radar at four locations: 122nd Avenue SE (northbound 5700 SE and southbound 5200 SE); Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway SW (westbound and eastbound 3600 SW); Division Street SE (westbound and eastbound 15000 SE); and Marine Drive NE (westbound 13300 NE, eastbound 2900 NE).