

**REVENUE IMPACT OF
PROPOSED LEGISLATION**
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Revenue Area: Court Fees
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Measure Description:

Repeals sunset on authorization to operate fixed photo radar on urban high crash corridors in City of Portland.

Revenue Impact (in \$Millions):

	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
GF/CFA Account	0.00	\$4.79	\$7.47
City of Portland	0.00	\$2.18	\$3.39
Total Revenue	0.00	\$6.97	\$10.86

Impact Explanation:

In 2019, there were a total of 78,759 photo enforcement cases filed in Multnomah County Circuit Court. Of those, fixed speed cases comprised 43,513. On average 55% are convicted and 45% are dismissed. Collection rates are about 68% over 18 months. The average fine was \$165. The repeal of the sunset is effective on January 1, 2024, which leaves the 2021-23 biennium with no impact, and the 2023-25 with partial impact.

Most of the fine revenue generated by the cameras and paid through the Court goes to the State of Oregon's General Fund (approximately 70%). The fines are disposed as follows. ORS 153.633 (1) directs the state get \$65 prior to any other distribution of the fine. ORS 153.640 (2)(a)(A) further directs that the \$65 (or less) amount be deposited in the Criminal Fine Account (\$5 goes to County Courthouse Account). Of the remaining fine amount, ORS sections 153.640(2)(a)(B) and (C), 50% is payable to the local government and 50% is payable to the state. City funds are used to pay for operation and maintenance of the program and remaining revenue is dedicated by statute to traffic safety.

A camera system enforces one direction of travel. There is currently a total of eight camera systems located on four High Crash Corridors. (1) SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway (2) SE 122nd Avenue (3) SE Division Street (4) NE Marine Drive. The City of Portland bureaus of transportation and police are working together with Multnomah County Circuit Court on a modest speed safety camera expansion plan. The tentative agreement is to expand the system in the next two to three years from the current size of 8 cameras (on 4 corridors) to a total of 20 cameras (on 10 corridors). Some additional efforts are still needed to ensure both police and court capacity to support this expansion. For the purpose of this statement the assumption is the addition of two cameras every biennium.

Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure: Yes No

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