



Testimony in Support of HB 4105 A

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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the Committee, on behalf Oregon's 241 cities the League of Oregon Cities is offering its support of HB 4105 A.

It's clear that the data shows an important link to improving safety when cities place photo radar on streets and intersections where there is significant risk to the public. Based on the data presented by Portland's Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) speed safety cameras have reduced top-end speeding (more than 10 mph above the speed limit) by 94%. Placement of the cameras have reduced all speeding by 71% on those corridors. And, critically, red light running cameras have nearly halved the number of serious traffic crashes at intersections where cameras are present.

The administrative component of the enforcement, effectively the review of the photos for determining a violation is a function that can and should be extended to a non-sworn employee. We are confident the training can be applied to another city staff position than limited to a sworn officer as it exists today. We believe this would benefit the community and benefit a local government's ability to prioritize public safety and administrative support for community service delivery.

LOC is urging your support HB 4105 A.