

HB 3036 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 03/27/23

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Andersen, Bynum, Chaichi, Conrad, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Reynolds, Tran, Wallan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/2, 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides that education providers may install and operate stop arm cameras on school buses. Requires warning sign to be posted when stop arm camera in use. Directs education providers using stop arm cameras to prepare a maintenance plan for the cameras. Provides procedure by which education provider may submit report to law enforcement agency based on camera recording of a person violating ORS 811.155 and outlines requirements for report. Provides requirements for citation to be issued based on camera recording of person violating ORS 811.155. Provides procedure by which a vehicle owner, business, or public agency may respond to citation with proof of innocence or nonliability. States that failure to respond to citation will result in default judgment from which relief may only be granted in certain circumstances. Directs fine imposed for violation of ORS 811.155 be split between School Bus Stop Arm Camera Fund and state, county, or city in which judgment of conviction was entered. Establishes School Bus Stop Arm Camera Fund in State Treasury. Directs State Board of Education to adopt and enforce standards for school bus stop arm camera warning signs. Defines relevant terms.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- 24 other states with similar laws
- Types of buses permitted to use cameras
- Need for explicit permission to use cameras

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A driver commits the offense of failure to stop for bus safety lights if the driver meets or overtakes from either direction any vehicle that is stopped on a roadway and that is operating red bus safety lights, and the driver does not stop before reaching the vehicle and remain standing until the bus safety lights are no longer operating. Failure to stop for bus safety lights is a Class A traffic violation. School buses may be equipped with an octagonal shaped mechanical stop arm equipped with two alternately flashing red bus safety lights, to indicate when the bus is stopped. The State Board of Education is responsible for adopting and enforcing standards for school bus stop arms.

House Bill 3036 allows education providers to install and operate cameras on school bus stop arms for the sole purpose of recording persons who fail to stop for bus safety lights in violation of ORS 811.155 and directs the State Board of Education to adopt and enforce standards for school bus stop arm camera warning signs.