HB 2530 -2, -3, -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires a education provider to consult with a law enforcement agency and allows the education provider to enter in to a contract with a private organization when installing stop arms cameras.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Technical fixes
- Revenue sharing between education providers and law enforcement
- Student safety

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

- -2 The amendment replaces the measure. The amendment adds a rebuttable presumption to the requirements for an officer to issue a citation that a warning sign is posted on the bus and the bus safety lights were activated and operational. It removes the ability for a driver to submit a certificate of innocence. It requires that when a organization submits and satisfies the requirements for a certificate of nonliability, the citation must be issued to the individual identified in the certificate. It requires the city or county to distribute the money from a conviction to the education provider if the citation was based on the stop arm camera's evidence and the education provider installed the stop arm camera.
- -3 The amendment replaces the measure with language substantially similar to the -2 amendment. It requires an education provider to be in agreement with a law enforcement agency prior to contracting with private organization. It allows a driver to submit a certificate of innocence.
- -4 The amendment replaces the measure with language substantially similar to the -3 amendment. The amendment requires a citation to be issued and mailed when a business or public agency submits a satisfactory certificate of nonliability.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon school buses may be equipped with mechanical stop arms that extend and flash to indicate when the bus is loading or unloading students (ORS 820.105). Some school buses come additionally equipped with cameras on the stop arms, which could allow education providers to partner with law enforcement to cite drivers who commit a Class A traffic violation by failing to stop when school bus safety lights flash (ORS 811.155).

<u>House Bill 4147 (2024)</u> permitted education providers to use stop arm cameras to record drivers who fail to stop for a bus safety lights and issue citations based on the evidence from the cameras.