HB 2530 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Prepared By:Chris Bechtel, LPRO FellowMeeting Dates:4/30, 5/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires an education provider to be in agreement with a law enforcement agency and allows the education provider to enter into a contract with a private organization when installing stop arms cameras. It 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, meaning that a court will assume the lights were active and operational unless the citation recipient provides evidence to the contrary. It requires that when a organization submits and satisfies the requirements for a certificate of nonliability, the citation must be issued and mailed 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.

Fiscal Impact: Has minimal fiscal impact. Revenue Impact: No revenue impact. HOUSE VOTE: Ayes 44, Nays 7

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Technical fixes
- Revenue sharing between education providers and law enforcement
- Student safety
- Evidence needed to overcome the rebuttable presumption
- Other state laws and data related to the program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 (<u>ORS 811.155</u>).

<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.