

HB 2522 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the use of headlights when the windshield wipers are in operation or there is fog.

HOUSE VOTE: Ayes, 42; Nays, 10

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Highways with minimal lighting making visibility difficult in poor weather conditions
- Study about benefits of headlights during poor weather conditions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires that any lighting equipment a vehicle is required to be equipped with must be displayed when the vehicle is upon a highway within this state at any time limited visibility conditions exist.

House Bill 2522 amends these requirements to apply at any time the windshield wipers of the vehicle are in operation, unless the windshield wipers are being operated solely for the purpose of cleaning the windshield and at any time there is fog.