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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY IN OREGON



PUT A STOP TO RECKLESS ILLEGAL SCHOOL BUS PASSING



In 2025, an estimated **45 million illegal school bus passings** are expected in the U.S., putting students at serious risk every day.

In response to this growing threat, the Oregon Legislature took decisive action in 2024 by passing HB 4147, authorizing the use of **stop-arm camera enforcement to help protect students traveling to and from school** from drivers who illegally pass stopped school buses.

Since the bill passed, many school districts have been slow to adopt these safety programs due to funding concerns, unclear enforcement roles, and contracting questions. Without clear guidance, districts remain hesitant — delaying a proven way to protect students from dangerous stop-arm violations.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IN 2025 - HB 2530

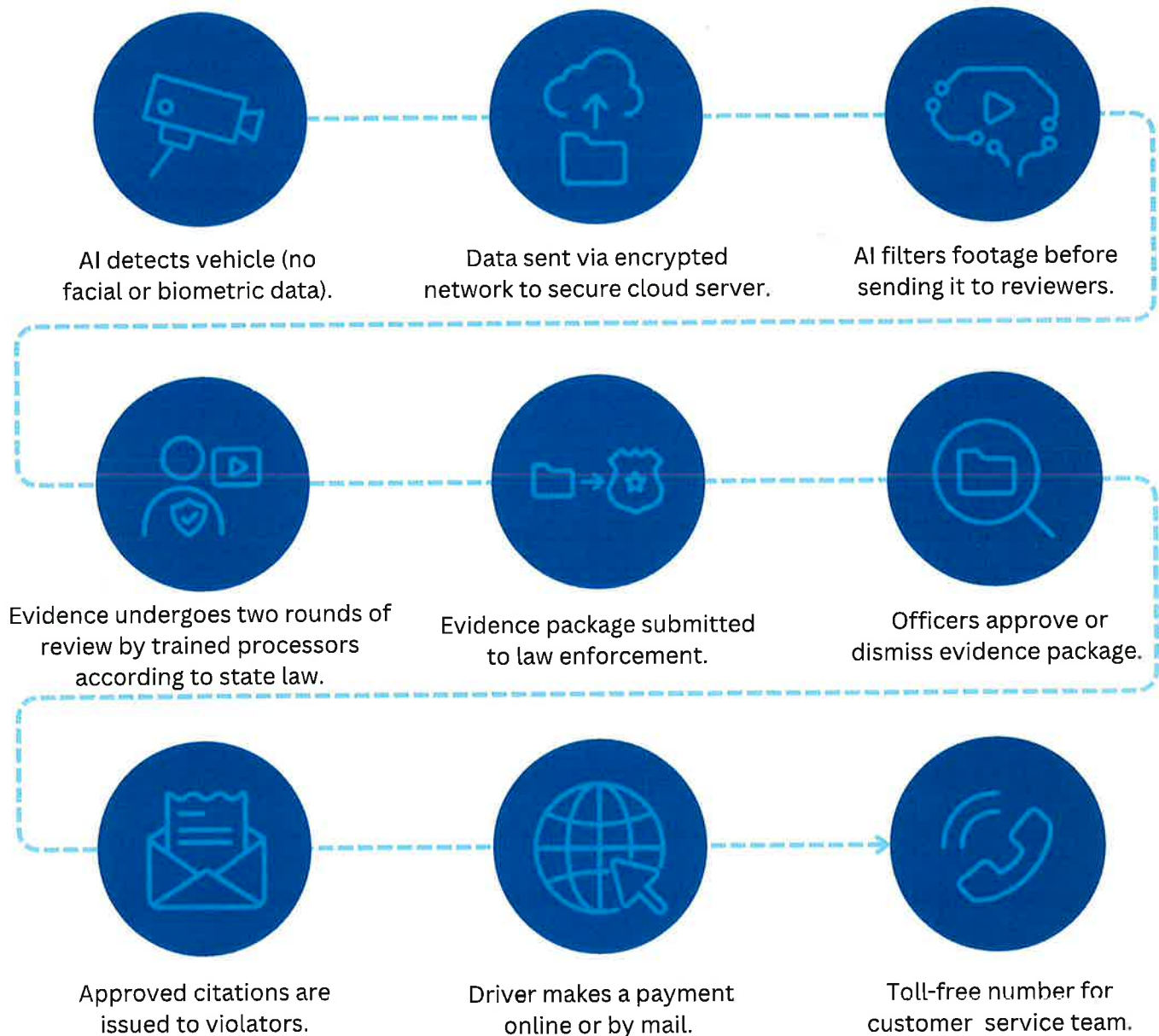
HB 2530 seeks to provide the necessary technical fixes by:

- ✓ **Clarifies School District Contracting Authority:** Allows school districts to enter into contracts with private vendors for stop-arm camera installation, operation, and maintenance, but only with law enforcement.
- ✓ **Strengthens Legal Presumptions to Improve Enforcement:** Establishes a rebuttable presumption that warning signs were posted and safety lights were active during recorded violations, helping strengthen cases against violators.
- ✓ **Directs Fine Revenue to Student Safety:** Revenue generated from violations will be allocated to the education provider managing the program. As contract holders, they have the authority to establish terms, ensuring law enforcement is compensated for additional time or staffing needs.

These changes will help strengthen the laws impact, safeguard school district resources, and ensure that fines are directed toward student safety initiatives.

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HOW STOP-ARM SAFETY PROGRAMS WORK



Appeal: All appeals are made to the Circuit Court.

No Appeal: Fines are paid directly to the Criminal Fine Account, then dispursed to the participating educational provider.

Failure to pay: Can incur additional fees or license sanctions.

Points: No points on the driver's record and insurance is not affected.

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