HB 2530 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 05/07/25

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Sollman, Weber

Nays: 1 - Robinson

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting 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-arm 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. The measure 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.

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
- Proceeds from the traffic tickets

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 (<u>ORS 820.105</u>). 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 bus safety lights and issue citations based on the evidence from the cameras.

Carrier: Sen. Neron Misslin