

# A-Engrossed House Bill 2154

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Including House Amendments dated February 28

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act states that a county may designate a part of a county road as a safety corridor when that part of the road has a lot of bad car crashes. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.8).  
Makes permanent the county safety corridor program.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to county safety corridors; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 153.020.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle**  
5 **Code.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) If the board of county commissioners of a county finds that a segment**  
7 **of county road within the county demonstrates a safety concern, the board may designate**  
8 **that segment as a safety corridor. The board of county commissioners for each county may**  
9 **designate no more than two safety corridors at one time. This section applies only to county**  
10 **roads for which the county is the road authority.**

11 **(2) A safety corridor designated under subsection (1) of this section must satisfy the**  
12 **criteria established by the board. Before designating a safety corridor the board shall:**

13 **(a) Establish objective criteria for designating a segment of highway as a safety corridor**  
14 **under this section; and**

15 **(b) Establish requirements for regular community engagement, heightened enforcement,**  
16 **engineering improvements, infrastructure investments and public outreach.**

17 **(3) Counties shall post signs in safety corridors designated by the board indicating that**  
18 **finest for traffic offenses committed in the safety corridor will be doubled.**

19 **(4)(a) The presumptive fine for a person charged with an offense that is listed in para-**  
20 **graph (d)(A) or (B) of this subsection and that is committed in a safety corridor designated**  
21 **by the board under this section shall be the amount established under ORS 153.020.**

22 **(b) The minimum fine for a person convicted of a misdemeanor offense that is listed in**  
23 **paragraph (d)(C) to (G) of this subsection and that is committed in a safety corridor desig-**  
24 **ated by the board under this section is 20 percent of the maximum fine established for the**  
25 **offense.**

26 **(c) The minimum fine for a person convicted of a felony offense that is listed in para-**  
27 **graph (d)(C) to (G) of this subsection and that is committed in a safety corridor designated**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 by the board under this section is two percent of the maximum fine established for the of-  
2 fense.

3 (d) This subsection applies to the following offenses if committed in the designated safety  
4 corridors:

5 (A) Class A or Class B traffic violations.

6 (B) Class C or Class D traffic violations related to exceeding a legal speed.

7 (C) Reckless driving, as defined in ORS 811.140.

8 (D) Driving while under the influence of intoxicants, as defined in ORS 813.010.

9 (E) Failure to perform the duties of a driver involved in a collision, as described in ORS  
10 811.700 or 811.705.

11 (F) Criminal driving while suspended or revoked, as defined in ORS 811.182.

12 (G) Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, as defined in ORS 811.540.

13 **SECTION 3.** ORS 153.020 is amended to read:

14 153.020. (1) If a person is charged with a traffic violation, as defined in ORS 801.557, and the  
15 enforcement officer issuing the citation notes on the citation that the offense occurred in a highway  
16 work zone and is subject to the provisions of ORS 811.230, occurred in a posted school zone and is  
17 subject to the provisions of ORS 811.235, or occurred in a safety corridor and is subject to the  
18 provisions of ORS 811.483 or section 2, chapter 501, Oregon Laws 2019, **or section 2 of this 2025**  
19 **Act**, the presumptive fine for the violation is:

20 (a) \$875 for a Class A violation.

21 (b) \$525 for a Class B violation.

22 (c) \$325 for a Class C violation.

23 (d) \$225 for a Class D violation.

24 (2) Any surcharge imposed under ORS 1.188 shall be added to and made a part of the  
25 presumptive fine.

26 **SECTION 4.** ORS 153.020, as amended by section 4, chapter 501, Oregon Laws 2019, is amended  
27 to read:

28 153.020. (1) If a person is charged with a traffic violation, as defined in ORS 801.557, and the  
29 enforcement officer issuing the citation notes on the citation that the offense occurred in a highway  
30 work zone and is subject to the provisions of ORS 811.230, occurred in a posted school zone and is  
31 subject to the provisions of ORS 811.235, or occurred in a safety corridor and is subject to the  
32 provisions of ORS 811.483 **or section 2 of this 2025 Act**, the presumptive fine for the violation is:

33 (a) \$875 for a Class A violation.

34 (b) \$525 for a Class B violation.

35 (c) \$325 for a Class C violation.

36 (d) \$225 for a Class D violation.

37 (2) Any surcharge imposed under ORS 1.188 shall be added to and made a part of the  
38 presumptive fine.

39 **SECTION 5.** **Section 2 of this 2025 Act and the amendments to ORS 153.020 by sections**  
40 **3 and 4 of this 2025 Act apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this 2025**  
41 **Act.**