

# House Bill 2154

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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 **as introduced**. 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) Counties may designate as safety corridors segments of highway that**  
7 **have an incidence rate of reported traffic crashes resulting in fatalities or serious injuries**  
8 **that is higher than the average rate of crashes in the county. The county commission for**  
9 **each county may designate no more than two safety corridors at one time.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 **(c) The minimum fine for a person convicted of a felony offense that is listed in para-**  
26 **graph (d)(C) to (G) of this subsection and that is committed in a safety corridor designated**  
27 **by a county under this section is two percent of the maximum fine established for the of-**  
28 **fense.**

29 **(d) This subsection applies to the following offenses if committed in the designated safety**  
30 **corridors:**

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

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

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

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

5 (E) Failure to perform the duties of a driver involved in a collision, as described in ORS  
6 811.700 or 811.705.

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

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

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

10 153.020. (1) If a person is charged with a traffic violation, as defined in ORS 801.557, and the  
11 enforcement officer issuing the citation notes on the citation that the offense occurred in a highway  
12 work zone and is subject to the provisions of ORS 811.230, occurred in a posted school zone and is  
13 subject to the provisions of ORS 811.235, or occurred in a safety corridor and is subject to the  
14 provisions of ORS 811.483 or section 2, chapter 501, Oregon Laws 2019 **or section 2 of this 2025**  
15 **Act**, the presumptive fine for the violation is:

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 153.020. (1) If a person is charged with a traffic violation, as defined in ORS 801.557, and the  
25 enforcement officer issuing the citation notes on the citation that the offense occurred in a highway  
26 work zone and is subject to the provisions of ORS 811.230, occurred in a posted school zone and is  
27 subject to the provisions of ORS 811.235, or occurred in a safety corridor and is subject to the  
28 provisions of ORS 811.483 **or section 2 of this 2025 Act**, the presumptive fine for the violation is:

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

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

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

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

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

35 **SECTION 5. Section 2 of this 2025 Act and the amendments to ORS 153.020 by sections**  
36 **3 and 4 of this 2025 Act apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this 2025**  
37 **Act.**

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