

**HB 2682 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Transportation Policy**

**Carrier:** Rep. Nosse

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**Action Date:** 04/12/17  
**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)  
**Vote:** 9-0-0-0  
**Yeas:** 9 - Barreto, Evans, McKeown, McLain, Meek, Noble, Vial, Wilson, Witt  
**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows City of Portland to designate by ordinance the speed for a highway under the jurisdiction of the city that is five miles per hour lower than the statutory speed as long as the highway is located in a residential district, the highway in not an arterial highway, and the city provides the appropriate signage to alert drivers of the appropriate speed.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Safety of roads in Portland
- Urban versus rural needs
- Length of time required to work through the Department of Transportation process

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Current law requires a city or county road authority to make a formal request to the Department of Transportation to make changes to designated speeds for highways under their jurisdictions. Along with the request, the road authority must provide certain findings to the Department to justify the change in designated speed.

For cities that contain a state highway within city limits, the city's road authority must make a request to the Department's Highway Division for a speed zone change. The request is forwarded to the District Manager, Regional Manger or State Traffic-Roadway Engineer to conduct a speed zone investigation and make a recommendation to grant or deny the request. The region traffic recommendation is sent to the Traffic-Roadway Section of the Highway Division for review by the Traffic-Roadway Section staff and then forwarded to the State-Traffic Roadway Engineer for review and approval. The local road authority is notified of the decision and is asked if they concur or not. If the local road authority concurs, a speed zone order is issued. If the road authority does not concur, the case is sent to the Speed Zone Review Panel to review the investigation and hear any additional objections. The Speed Zone Review Panel then issues a final decision.

House Bill 2682-A allows the City of Portland to designate by ordinance the speed for a highway under the jurisdiction of the city that is five miles per hour lower than the statutory speed as long as the highway is located in a residential district, the highway in not an arterial highway, and the city provides the appropriate signage to alert drivers of the appropriate speed.