

House Bill 3230

Sponsored by Representative LIVELY, Senator TAYLOR

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**.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Transportation for deposit in Safe Routes to Schools Fund for grant awards under safe routes to schools program.

Directs Department of Transportation to expend at least \$20 million out of funds received from State Highway Fund for safe routes to schools infrastructure projects.

Requires department to submit biennial report relating to progress and funding of safe routes to schools programs and infrastructure projects to Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to safe routes to schools; creating new provisions; amending ORS 184.741; and declaring
3 an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
6 **ated to the Department of Transportation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the**
7 **General Fund, the amount of \$12 million, to be deposited in the Safe Routes to Schools Fund**
8 **established under ORS 184.740.**

9 **SECTION 2.** ORS 184.741 is amended to read:

10 184.741. (1) The Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Transportation Safety
11 Committee, shall establish a safe routes to schools program to assist communities in identifying and
12 reducing barriers and hazards to children walking or bicycling to and from school.

13 (2) The department *[may]* **shall** provide the following kinds of assistance:

14 (a) Grants;

15 (b) Technical services and advice;

16 (c) Public information and education; *[and]*

17 (d) Evaluation and measurement of community programs[.]; **and**

18 **(e) A preapplication meeting with a school applicant that is considered high poverty un-**
19 **der Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et**
20 **seq.) to:**

21 **(A) Inform the applicant of the procedural and substantive requirements of a grant ap-**
22 **plication; and**

23 **(B) Identify known issues that may affect the eligibility of a project to be awarded a**
24 **grant from the Safe Routes to Schools Fund.**

25 (3) If the department awards grants under this section:

26 (a) The department shall award grants for all of the following:

27 (A) Education;

28 (B) Engineering; *[and]*

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 (C) Enforcement; and

2 (D) Developing education and outreach materials to provide communities and eligible
3 grant applicants with information about safety projects that are eligible for federal funding;

4 (b) No one grant is required to include moneys for all the components specified in paragraph (a)
5 of this subsection; and

6 (c) The department shall adopt rules specifying criteria that will be used in awarding grants[.]
7 and establish a methodology for distributing a proportionate share of moneys received under
8 section 1 of this 2017 Act to school applicants that are considered high poverty under Title
9 I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.).

10 (4) A city, county or school district that has developed or is preparing to develop a plan de-
11 scribed in ORS 195.115 to reduce barriers and hazards to children walking or bicycling to and from
12 school may apply to the department for assistance in developing or carrying out the plan.

13 **SECTION 3.** (1) Out of the funds received by the Department of Transportation from the
14 State Highway Fund, at least \$20 million shall be expended for the planning, design and con-
15 struction of safe routes to schools infrastructure projects that will reduce barriers and
16 hazards to children walking or bicycling to and from school.

17 (2) The department shall prioritize the expenditure of funds as authorized under this
18 section for safe routes to schools infrastructure projects that are located within a one-mile
19 radius of a school that is considered high poverty under Title I of the federal Elementary and
20 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.).

21 (3) As used in this section, “safe routes to schools infrastructure project” includes but
22 is not limited to:

- 23 (a) Sidewalk improvements;
- 24 (b) Speed reduction improvements;
- 25 (c) Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements;
- 26 (d) New or improved bicycle lanes;
- 27 (e) Traffic diversion improvements; and
- 28 (f) Access to transit improvements.

29 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Transportation shall submit a biennial report to the
30 Legislative Assembly concerning the department’s actions related to the safe routes to
31 schools program established under ORS 184.741 and safe routes to schools infrastructure
32 projects described under section 3 of this 2017 Act. The report shall contain:

33 (1) An accounting of all funds appropriated, awarded and obligated to the department
34 under sections 1 and 3 of this 2017 Act.

35 (2) A summary of all grants awarded for projects located within a one-mile radius of a
36 school that is considered high poverty under Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary
37 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.).

38 (3) An evaluation of the costs, benefits and future objectives of the safe routes to schools
39 program in this state.

40 **SECTION 5.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
41 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
42 July 1, 2017.