

## CHAPTER 501

AN ACT

HB 3213

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle Code.

**SECTION 2.** (1)(a) The Department of Transportation shall establish a safety corridor pilot program in this state to evaluate the processes for and effectiveness of allowing counties to designate as safety corridors roads over which the counties have road authority.

(b) The County Safety Corridor Advisory Group established in subsection (3)(a) of this section shall select up to five counties in the state to participate in the pilot program established in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(c) The county commission for each county selected under paragraph (b) of this subsection may designate one segment of highway that is between 2 and 10 miles long as a safety corridor.

(d) A safety corridor designated under paragraph (c) of this subsection must satisfy the criteria established by the advisory group under subsection (3)(c)(A) of this section.

(e) The department shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

(2)(a) Each county selected under subsection (1)(b) of this section shall post signs in the safety corridor designated by the county indicating that fines for traffic offenses committed in the safety corridor will be doubled.

(b) The presumptive fine for a person charged with an offense that is listed in paragraph (e)(A) or (B) of this subsection and that is committed in a safety corridor designated by a county under this section shall be the amount established under ORS 153.020.

(c) The minimum fine for a person convicted of a misdemeanor offense that is listed in paragraph (e)(C) to (G) of this subsection and that is committed in a safety corridor designated by a county under this section is 20 percent of the maximum fine established for the offense.

(d) The minimum fine for a person convicted of a felony offense that is listed in paragraph (e)(C) to (G) of this subsection and that is committed in a safety corridor designated by a county under this section is two percent of the maximum fine established for the offense.

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

(A) Class A or Class B traffic violations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3)(a) The County Safety Corridor Advisory Group is established.

(b) The Director of Transportation shall appoint the following members to serve on the advisory group:

(A) Two members who are representatives of the Department of Transportation;

(B) Two members who are representatives of counties;

(C) One member who is a firefighter or emergency medical services provider; and

(D) One member who is a representative of a law enforcement agency.

(c) The advisory group shall:

(A) Establish objective criteria for designating a segment of highway as a safety corridor under subsection (1)(c) of this section;

(B) Establish requirements for the counties selected under subsection (1)(b) of this section, including for regular community engagement, heightened enforcement, engineering improvements, infrastructure investments and public outreach; and

(C) Establish content requirements for reports mandated under subsection (4)(a) of this section.

(4)(a) Each county selected under subsection (1)(b) of this section shall, in consultation with the department, prepare two reports on its findings, including any recommendations for legislation, and shall submit the reports to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation.

(b) The first report must be submitted no later than September 15, 2022. The second report must be submitted no later than September 15, 2024.

(c) Each report must satisfy the content requirements established by the advisory group under subsection (3)(c)(C) of this section.

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

153.020. (1) If a person is charged with a traffic violation, as defined in ORS 801.557, and the enforcement officer issuing the citation notes on the citation that the offense occurred in a highway work zone and is subject to the provisions of ORS 811.230, occurred in a posted school zone and is subject to the provisions of ORS 811.235, or occurred in a safety corridor and is subject to the provisions of

ORS 811.483 **or section 2 of this 2019 Act**, the presumptive fine for the violation is:

- (a) \$875 for a Class A violation.
- (b) \$525 for a Class B violation.
- (c) \$325 for a Class C violation.
- (d) \$225 for a Class D violation.

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

**SECTION 4.** ORS 153.020, as amended by section 3 of this 2019 Act, is amended to read:

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**SECTION 5. The amendments to ORS 153.020 by section 4 of this 2019 Act become operative on January 2, 2026.**

**SECTION 6. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.**

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