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Protecting Kids Getting On and Off School Buses

House Bill 4147 allows school districts to record drivers who fail to stop for bus safety lights, enables law enforcement to issue citations based on recordings

SALEM, OR – When school buses extend their stop-arm and turn on their red flashing lights, motorists are supposed to stop and allow kids to safely get on or off the bus. However, bus drivers report [thousands of instances](#) of motorists illegally passing stopped school buses every day, putting students in danger. [House Bill 4147](#) will allow schools to install cameras on buses to record drivers who fail to stop for bus safety lights and enable law enforcement to cite those who fail to stop based on those recordings.

“Too many drivers are disregarding their duty to stop and protect kids getting on and off the school bus. It’s clear that we need more accountability to protect our students,” said **Senator Michael Dembrow (D - Portland)**, chair of the Senate Education Committee who carried HB 4147 on the floor.

“This is a deterrence measure that will stop drivers from putting our kids in danger,” said **Senator Lew Frederick (D - Portland)**, who sits on the Senate Education Committee and spoke in favor of HB 4147 on the floor. “This is another important step to make sure every student makes it to school and gets home safely.”

Ensuring schools are protecting the rights and safety of students is important to Senate Democrats’ [Uniting Oregon Agenda](#). The bill now goes to the Governor’s desk.

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