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Here is a short summary of the three LC drafts that are proposed for introduction as 2018 Session committee measures for the Senate Interim Committee on Business & Transportation:

LC 233 – (*redraft of Senate Bill 10, 2017*) – Provides that the directors of certain mass transit districts are to be appointed by the Governor, rather than elected. Provides that current elected directors continue to serve out the remainder of their terms, unless discharged earlier by the Governor. Eliminates restrictions on methods of financing for certain mass transit districts.

LC 234 – (*redraft of Senate Bill 908B, 2017*) – Establishes the Oregon Energy Commission as a policy and rulemaking body for the State Department of Energy. Transfers certain duties of the State Department of Energy and the Department Director to the Commission. Modifies state energy policy. Modifies duties of the Department. Requires the Department to develop a statewide strategic energy plan, and the Commission to adopt the plan no later than January 1, 2021; directs Department to present the draft plan to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020. Requires the Commission to periodically review and update the plan. Modifies biennial comprehensive energy report requirements. Becomes operative July 1, 2019; declares an emergency, takes effect upon passage.

LC 239 – (*redraft of Senate Bill 693C, 2017*) – Eliminates probationary driver permits. Standardizes requirements for hardship permits. Eliminates certain driving privilege suspensions. Expands the list of persons granted driving privileges in Oregon to include members of commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and their spouses, under certain conditions.