

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Buckley, Butler, Gilman, Read, Smith G., Tomei, Beyer
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Judith Callens, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes a combination of three implements of husbandry or two implements of husbandry hauled or towed by another vehicle to be operated on a highway without violation of limits.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Safety factors in transporting implements of husbandry
- Vehicle size limits; maximum allowable extension beyond last axle
- Wear on equipment from requirement to be drawn on own wheels

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces original bill.

BACKGROUND: ORS 818.100(12) provides an exemption from size limits when implements of husbandry are "hauled, towed or moved" on any highway other than interstates, except beyond the maximum allowable extension past the last axle. Such combinations currently must be "drawn", which means the implements may not be placed on a flatbed trailer. HB 2821A allows implements of husbandry to be hauled or towed, rather than only drawn, on the highway when transporting a combination of three implements or a combination of a vehicle and two implements. These provisions are consistent with the existing exemption from size limits. The Department of Transportation testified that it is arguably safer to transport an implement of husbandry on a trailer rather than to pull it on its own wheels.