74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2821 B CARRIER: Sen. George, L.

Senate Committee on Business, Transportation, and Workforce Development

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: George L., Monnes Anderson, Starr, Metsger

Nays: 0 Exc.: Deckert

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Meeting Dates: 5/17

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. Declares and emergency and takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Improved safety of the combination that is technically illegal more stability provided
- Limit to implements of husbandry

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds an emergency clause.

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. House Bill 2821-B allows implements of husbandry to be hauled or towed, rather than only drawn, on the highway in 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 considers it safer under the particular circumstance to transport an implement of husbandry on a trailer rather than to pull it on its own wheels.