

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	5 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Buckley, Gilman, Read, Smith G., Beyer
Nays:	Butler, Tomei
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Department of Transportation to enter into agreements with other jurisdictions for registration, collection of fees, and insurance verification for trucks operating interstate. Deletes requirement that trucks operating in Oregon, but based elsewhere, file proof of liability insurance with Oregon. Deletes requirement that trucks carry weight receipts or passes on the vehicle. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Unified Carrier Registration Agreement (UCR) ; base state registration process
- Difference with current Oregon motor carrier requirements
- State collection of UCR fees pass through to UCR depository minus administrative costs
- Department of Transportation's expenditure limitation increase

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The federal legislation that reauthorized highway programs (passed in 2005) pre-empted state registration programs and state insurance requirements for interstate motor carriers (trucking companies). The federal legislation creates a "base-state" system – the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement – for registration of interstate motor carriers, brokers, leasing companies, and freight forwarders. The Agreement has not been implemented, but Oregon met a November 2006 deadline to submit a non-binding statement of intent to participate. The system is expected to be operational later this year. Oregon will receive funds back in addition to their costs to implement the program and may spend those funds for truck safety enforcement.

The changes in SB 222-A are intended to bring Oregon into compliance with the federal law. Motor carriers will be required to register and pay fees in their base state and to carry liability insurance, but will not be required to provide insurance information to each state in which they operate or to carry or display state certifications. States are not precluded from requiring carriers to obtain state credentials, such as the weight-mile tax credential, but are precluded from requiring the display of such credentials.