

B-Engrossed
House Bill 2821

Ordered by the Senate May 22
Including House Amendments dated May 8 and Senate Amendments dated
May 22

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON (at the request of Randy Crafts)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Permits motor vehicle hauling or towing two implements of husbandry to operate on highway.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to combinations of vehicles; amending ORS 818.120; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 818.120 is amended to read:

5 818.120. This section establishes exemptions from ORS 818.110. The exemptions under this sec-
6 tion are in addition to any exemptions under ORS 801.026. Operation in accordance with one of the
7 exemptions described is not subject to ORS 818.110. Exemptions are partial or complete as described
8 in the following:

9 (1) The limit on the number of vehicles that may be operated in combination does not apply on
10 any way, thoroughfare or place owned by a district formed under ORS chapters 545, 547, 551 or a
11 corporation formed under ORS chapter 554.

12 (2) The limit on the number of vehicles that may be operated in combination does not apply on
13 any road or thoroughfare or property in private ownership or any road or thoroughfare, other than
14 a state highway or county road, used pursuant to any agreement with any agency of the United
15 States or with a licensee of such agency or both.

16 (3) The limit on the number of vehicles that may be operated in combination does not apply to
17 any vehicles, combination of vehicles, articles, machines or other equipment while being used by the
18 federal government, the State of Oregon or any county or incorporated city in the construction,
19 maintenance or repair of public highways and at the immediate location or site of such construction,
20 maintenance or repair.

21 (4) The limit on the number of vehicles that may be operated in combination does not apply to
22 any vehicles while being used on the roads of a road authority by mass transit districts for purposes
23 authorized under ORS 267.010 to 267.390, provided the use of the vehicles is approved by the road
24 authority for its roads.

25 (5) Operations authorized to exceed the limit on the number of vehicles that may be operated
26 in combination by a variance permit issued under ORS 818.200 are subject to the terms of the per-
27 mit. It shall be a defense to any charge of violation of ORS 818.110 if the person so charged produces
28 a variance permit issued under ORS 818.200 authorizing the operation of the combination of vehicles

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1 issued prior to and valid at the time of the offense.

2 (6) In drive-away operations, three vehicles may be coupled together by a double saddle-mount
3 method or by a single saddle-mount and tow bar method or four vehicles by a triple saddle-mount
4 method.

5 (7) A combination of three implements of husbandry or two implements of husbandry [*drawn*]
6 **hailed or towed** by another vehicle may be operated on a highway without violation of the limits
7 under ORS 818.110.

8 (8) A truck tractor and semitrailer drawing one trailer or a truck tractor and semitrailer
9 drawing one additional semitrailer mounted on a dolly equipped with a fifth wheel hitch may be
10 operated on a highway without violation of the limits under ORS 818.110.

11 (9) A truck tractor and semitrailer drawing a balance trailer with a length not in excess of 15
12 feet and a loaded weight not in excess of 8,000 pounds or drawing a dolly may be operated on a
13 highway without violation of the limits under ORS 818.110.

14 **SECTION 2. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
15 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**
16 **on its passage.**

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