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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases insurance required for commercial driver training school certified by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), for bodily injury or death from \$100,000 to \$300,000, and for destruction of property from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Removes insurance requirement for ODOT-certified commercial driver training schools that provide only classroom instruction.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Definition of “commercial driver training” (all driver-training offered by driver-training businesses)
- Number of commercial driver training businesses currently operating (20 to 30)
- Reasons for increasing coverage requirements
- Actual coverage obtained by commercial driver training

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes increase in amount of required bond.

BACKGROUND: A commercial driver training school certificate issued by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) authorizes a school to provide classroom and/or behind-the-wheel instruction to students learning to drive motor vehicles, such as a cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Current law requires schools that provide such training to be bonded for \$2,500 and to carry insurance as follows: for a minimum of \$50,000 for bodily injury/death of one person in a single accident; for a minimum of \$100,000 for bodily injury/death for two or more persons in a single accident; and for a minimum of \$25,000 for injury to or destruction of property in a single accident.

The current insurance requirements for commercial driver training schools were established in statute in the 1960s, and are considered by the Department of Transportation to be inadequate to meet current standards. Commercial driver training schools that provide only classroom training have no reason to carry the motor vehicle insurance required by ORS 822.505. HB 2233-A clarifies that insurance is not required for schools that provide classroom-only driver training.