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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Eliminates the requirement that the Department of Transportation notify persons with a certificate or pending application to operate as a for-hire carrier and conduct a hearing when a person applies for issuance, extension or transfer of a certificate to operate as a for-hire carrier of persons or household goods. Requires background checks for employees of household goods moving companies. Eliminates requirement that a person providing pack or load services register with the department and provide proof of insurance. Creates offense of offering to transport household goods without a certificate and increases fine for transporting household goods without a certificate from \$500 to \$1,000.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of regulation of household goods carriers in Oregon
- Barriers to obtaining certification and market entry
- Rate-setting process for household goods carriers
- Appropriate qualifications to be a household goods carrier

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Revises definition of “household goods”. Clarifies that exemptions under ORS 825.017 apply to persons who provide *or operate* a motor vehicle for movement of household goods. Revises language related to issuance and extension of for hire carrier certificates. Clarifies language relating to authorization of the department to require for-hire carrier of household goods applicants to complete a criminal background check. Adds language related to temporary authority to for-hire carriers of persons. Restores existing statutory language related to maximum allowable fees. Creates violation of offering to transport household goods without a certificate.

BACKGROUND: A “pack and loader” is a person or company in the business of packing household-type goods and/or loading them into vehicles for transport, but who does not provide the vehicle for transporting the goods. A “household goods carrier” is a traditional moving company that provides pack and loading services as well as the vehicle and transport service. While household goods carriers have historically been regulated by the Department of Transportation (ODOT), pack and loaders were not regulated by ODOT until the passage of Senate Bill 471 in 2003. That measure codified many of the recommendations of the Household Goods Carrier Review Task Force, which was created by the Legislative Assembly in 2001.

House Bill 2817-A revises the process for certification as an intrastate mover of household goods by replacing the existing requirement to meet a “public convenience and necessity” test when proposing a new service with a system of demonstrating fitness to provide the service. The measure allows ODOT to establish rules to delineate the fitness standard and requires criminal background checks for employees of household goods moving companies.

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