

76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session  
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY  
Senate Committee on Business, Transportation, and Economic Development

\*\*\*CORRECTED\*\*\*  
MEASURE: HB 2081 B  
CARRIER: Sen. Starr

REVENUE: No revenue impact  
FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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Action: Do Pass with amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)  
Vote: 5 - 0 - 1  
Yeas: Atkinson, Burdick, Girod, Starr, Beyer  
Nays: 0  
Exc.: Edwards  
Prepared By: Richard Berger, Administrator  
Meeting Dates: 5/5, 5/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates offense of unlawfully idling primary engine of commercial vehicles. Prohibits idling in front of schools. Authorizes issuance of violation to a motor carrier instead of a registered owner of the vehicle. Allows idling if the outside temperature is over 75 degrees and the auxiliary power unit provides heating only. Prohibits local governments from enacting any local regulation regarding the idling of primary engine in commercial vehicles. Allows local regulations regarding the idling of primary engines in commercial vehicles to be enforced by local governments if the regulation is in effect before January 1, 2011.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Possible amendment to remove provision that states the measure supersedes local regulation on truck idling
- Environmental impacts of truck idling
- Need for local control
- Ashland's unique circumstance regarding trucks that get delayed when pass is closed
- Circumstances commercial vehicles are idled

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Allows idling if the outside temperature is over 75 degrees and the auxiliary power unit provides heating only. Allows a violation to be issued to a motor carrier instead of a registered owner of the vehicle. Allow local regulations regarding the idling of primary engines in commercial vehicles to be enforced by local governments if the regulation is in effect before January 1, 2011.

**BACKGROUND:** The Environmental Quality Commission has indicated that idling standards and aerodynamic efficiency for trucks will greatly reduce the harmful environmental impacts inherent to the trucking industry. The Department of Environmental Quality proposed and worked with the trucking industry to reduce the amount of unnecessary idling.

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