

th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development

MEASURE: HB 2138 A
CARRIER: Rep. Sheehan

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	6 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Beyer, Nathanson, Sheehan, Smith J., Weidner, Bentz
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Lindsay, Read
Prepared By:	Zachary Rothmier, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/14, 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires all commercial driver license (CDL) holders to maintain proof of medical qualification on file with the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV). Authorizes the DMV to cancel a CDL based on the expiration of such proof. Modifies the suspension statutes to be from the date of the offense rather than the conviction date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Aligning the CDL standards with federal standard ensures highway funding
- Allows DMV rulemaking authority
- Trucking companies are also liable for ensuring the health of their drivers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that the statute refers to gross weight rating, not actual gross weight.

BACKGROUND: Oregon must maintain certain federal standards to comply with certification of the CDL program. Failure to comply will result in withholding of federal highway dollars and decertification of the Oregon commercial driver license program. House Bill 2138-A requires all CDL holders to maintain proof of medical qualification on file with the DMV and authorizes the DMV to cancel the CDL based on the expiration of such proof. The measure also modifies suspension statutes to be from the date of the offense rather than the conviction date.

There are currently approximately 142,000 CDL holders in Oregon.

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