

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 7 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Beyer, Lindsay, Nathanson, Sheehan, Smith J., Bentz, Read

Nays: 0

Exc.: Weidner

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Meeting Dates: 3/23, 3/28

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates the Commercial Driver Development Fund to help provide education relating to the trucking industry.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Trucking is vital to the Oregon economy
- Pilot program placed 773 out of 859 graduates into jobs
- Currently a driver shortage in the industry

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 2356 creates a Commercial Driver Development Fund separate from the General Fund and administered by the Community College and Workforce Development Department to: provide loans to students who are taking classes at a community college with the purpose of qualifying for a commercial driver license; and pay the administrative expenses of the Trucking Solutions Consortium. The Fund shall consist of private donations, grant moneys, appropriations from the General Fund, and moneys received from any other source.

The Oregon Department of Transportation will promulgate rules to administer the Act. If the Consortium no longer exists, the Department will use the money in the same respect.