

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 5 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Edwards, Girod, Monroe, Starr, Thomsen

Nays: 0

Exc.: Beyer

Prepared By: Patrick Brennan, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 4/23, 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Conforms statutes governing Oregon commercial driving privileges to federal law. Describes persons who hold commercial driving privileges. Revises provisions relating to suspension of commercial driving privileges. Creates commercial learner driver permit. Establishes fees, privileges and limitations of permit. Becomes operative July 8, 2015. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Conformance with federal law
- Purpose of committee amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes operative date from July 8, 2014 to July 8, 2015.

BACKGROUND: The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation administers the state's requirements for issuing commercial driver licenses (CDLs) and has sanctioning power over CDL holders, as well as over drivers of commercial motor vehicles who do not hold a CDL.

The federal government regulates driver licenses and the operation of commercial motor vehicles as a function of its oversight of interstate commerce. The federal penalties for a state that does not meet designated minimum standards may include a significant loss of federal highway funds and eventual decertification of the state's CDL program. States are usually afforded a period of time in which to amend their statutes to conform to changes in federal regulations prior to the imposition of federal penalties.

House Bill 2262-B conforms Oregon's CDL statutes with recent changes to federal law governing commercial driving privileges.