House Bill 2411

Sponsored by Representative CAMERON; Representatives CLEM, GARRETT, GILLIAM, Senator WINTERS (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Directs Department of Transportation to offer extended hours at field offices. Requires department's field offices to remain open on state-mandated furlough days.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to the Department of Transportation's hours of operation; and declaring an emergency.
 - Whereas the Department of Transportation's field offices serve approximately 9,500 Oregon residents daily; and
- Whereas when the department closes all field offices on weekends and to accommodate furlough days, it reduces the time Oregon residents may access services; and
 - Whereas field office locations that have offered Saturday service experience a high volume of customers; and
 - Whereas the residents of Oregon are the customers of the department; and
- 10 Whereas the customers fund the paychecks of the department's employees; and
 - Whereas the department is systematically closing the field offices that offer Saturday hours and closing all field offices on furlough days, forcing Oregon residents to miss work in order to conduct business with the department; now, therefore,
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) As used in this section, "field office" means a field office operated by the Department of Transportation where applications for driver licenses or motor vehicle registrations are accepted.
 - (2) The department shall establish extended weekday and Saturday operating schedules for field offices. The department shall extend the hours of operation beyond 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for at least half of the field offices. Additionally, at least half of the field offices shall operate on Saturday.
 - (3) After determining the hours of operation for field offices under subsection (2) of this section, the department shall advertise the hours of operation in as many ways as practicable, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Enclosing information about the hours of operation in all mailings and notices related to driver licenses, motor vehicle titles and motor vehicle registrations;
 - (b) Posting the hours of operation at the field offices;
 - (c) Broadcasting public service announcements; and
 - (d) Using appropriate Internet and other electronic media services that may be available.
 - (4) In the event of a state-mandated furlough day, the department shall operate all field

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offices at normal business hours, including the extended hours established under this section, except that each field office is not required to operate at full capacity.

SECTION 2. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.

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