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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Exempts certain for-hire carriers of household goods from specific Oregon Department of Transportation regulations, including a carrier with a gross revenue of \$500,000 or less per year or does not operate vehicles or combinations of vehicles over 26,001 GVW.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Household goods movement has been subject to economic regulation in Oregon for decades. Economic regulation in the past included regulation of entry into the business, rate regulation and approval of routes. In 2009 House Bill 2817 changed the law and entry regulation was simplified by the legislature, but rate regulation stayed in place. Currently, Oregon legislation requires all intrastate carriers of household goods to file a tariff, or menu, of its rates to be approved by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), before a license to move HHG's will be granted. ODOT uses a system to calculate a "fair and reasonable" rate. The system allows one company to charge one rate, but will not allow another company to charge that same rate for identical service. It employs a limit of 5% rate of return policy. ODOT approves any changes a company may need to make to its current tariff.