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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Exempts person operating registered farm vehicle from law prohibiting carrying dog on external part of vehicle. Applies to offenses occurring on or after effective date.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

(A4 amendment) Insert provisions on how a dog may be carried legally on an external part of a vehicle, including specified heights for side walls, tethering and crating.

**BACKGROUND:** Under Oregon law, carrying a dog on the external part of a vehicle is a Class D traffic violation. A person commits the offense of carrying a dog on the external part of a vehicle if the person carries a dog upon the hood, fender, running board or other external part of any automobile or truck that is upon a highway unless the dog is protected by framework, carrier or other device sufficient to keep it from falling from the vehicle.

House Bill 2687A would make it lawful for a person operating a registered farm vehicle to carry a dog on the external part of a vehicle.

The vote count in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee was 9-0, and the House vote count was 56-1-3.