

REVENUE: No Revenue Impact
FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact
SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

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Meeting Dates: 6/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Department of Transportation to establish, by rule, change of address requirements for driver licenses, driver permits and identification cards. Replaces requirement that applicants under 18 years of age provide proof of enrollment from school with the requirement that parent or guardian certify that applicant is enrolled in school, except in cases where the applicant's privileges have been suspended for withdrawal from school. Eliminates the moped-restricted driver license. Removes requirement that out-of-state applicants for a motorcycle endorsement take the motorcycle knowledge test in Oregon if the applicant already has such an endorsement in another state.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation is responsible for licensing more than three million Oregonians to operate motor vehicles on public roads in the state. DMV's mission is to promote driver safety, protect financial and ownership interests in vehicles, and to collect revenue to finance Oregon's transportation system.

House Bill 2465-A makes several changes to statutes relating to driver licenses and driving privileges in Oregon. First, the measure specifies that the Department shall identify, by rule, what constitutes proof of address to include, but not be limited to, utility bill, tax return, financial record, proof of insurance or health benefits card, selective service card, mortgage document or lease agreement. Qualifying documents may be provided in original form, copy or digital copy, or through third party address verification system.

House Bill 2465-A also replaces the requirement that persons under 18 who are applying for driving privileges, either for the first time or for reinstatement, must provide DMV with a form provided by their school verifying that they are currently attending school, with a requirement that a parent or guardian certify that the applicant is enrolled in school. The form currently must be obtained by the school, school district or educational service district. The measure specifies that the form must be provided only in cases where the individual is seeking to reinstate driving privileges following suspension for withdrawing from school.

Finally, House Bill 2465-A removes the restricted Class C driver license which allows operators age 16 and older to operate mopeds on public roads. A moped is defined in statute as a vehicle equipped with a power source other than an electric assisted bicycle, or a motor-assisted scooter that operates on two or three wheels, uses a saddle seat, and capable of speeds not exceeding 30 miles per hour with a drive system not requiring clutching or shifting.

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The vote count in the Transportation and Economic Development Committee was 7-0, and the House vote count was 57-2-1.