

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources**

**MEASURE: HB 2687 A**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Gomberg**

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/14/15

**Action:** Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/12, 04/02, 04/14

**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Esquivel, Frederick, Gorsek, Krieger, McKeown, McLain, Whitsett, Witt

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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:**

- Concerns for safety of dogs unsecured in the back of trucks during vehicle operation
- Methods that might be used to secure dogs traveling in the back of a truck
- Traditional use of farm vehicles in rural areas

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Expands proposed exemption of person operating registered farm vehicle from law prohibiting carrying dog on external part of vehicle to include persons engaged in commercial agriculture.

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