

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/11/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed B-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 05/11

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley

Nays: 1 - Thomsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Exempts person operating registered farm vehicle or engaged in commercial agricultural from law prohibiting carrying dog on external part of vehicle. Details how a dog may be carried legally on an external part of a vehicle, including specified heights for side walls, tethering and crating. Applies to offenses occurring on or after effective date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reasons for the 46-inch height for truck bed walls
- Rarity of registered farm vehicles and usage of pickup trucks
- Language ambiguity and possible enforcement issues

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE 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 2687B makes it lawful for a person operating a registered farm vehicle to carry a dog on the external part of a vehicle.