

SB 839 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates registration exemption for certain trailers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In addition to the vehicles that pull them, most trailers that travel on Oregon roads must be registered by the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation. While heavy trailers, those with a loaded weight exceeding 8,000 lbs, pay a one-time, permanent registration fee, light trailers with a loaded weight of less than 8,000 lbs pay a set registration fee of \$86 every two years. The term "light trailer" does not apply to for-hire trailers, travel trailers, special use trailers or manufactured structures.

Trailers that have a loaded weight less than 1,800 lbs that are equipped with pneumatic tires are also exempt from title and registration requirements, though the owner may choose to register them.