

SB 37 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Transportation Policy

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies laws relating to commercial driving privileges.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Each session a measure is introduced to conform Oregon commercial drivers license statutes with federal regulations
- Electronic submission of medical certifications

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is the entity responsible for licensing individuals to operate both private and commercial motor vehicles in Oregon. Oregon statutes regulating driver licenses are periodically amended to conform with changes to federal law, particularly for commercial driver licenses (CDL), in order to provide national conformity for interstate commerce.

Senate Bill 37-A makes several changes to Oregon CDL statutes to conform with recent federal regulations. These changes include: electronic submission of medical certification of fitness to operate commercial motor vehicles; clarification that persons who are citizens of countries with a Compact of Free Association with the United States (COFA), which includes the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Micronesia and Marshall Islands, may obtain a CDL; language relating to commercial learner driver permits; and numerous wording and definition changes.