

HB 2291 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies that there is no exemption from heavy truck regulations for farm vehicles that carry hazardous material loads in intrastate commerce. Allows Department of Transportation enforcement officers to issue citations for violation of obscuring truck license plates on out-of-state vehicles. Changes weight calculation methodology for commercial buses with respect to weight-mile tax.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

An audit by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration of Oregon's Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program revealed the program to be lacking in a number of areas. The majority of issues were resolved via rule changes, but one issue remained, clarification of the status of farm vehicles carrying hazardous materials in intrastate commerce. Hazardous material requirements are one of only three laws federal regulators impose on both intrastate as well as interstate commerce. Federal auditors were concerned that the existing applicable Oregon statutes could be interpreted to provide an exemption.