

HB 2575 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

Carrier: Rep. Gomberg

Action Date: 02/24/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Evans, McKeown, McLain, Meek, Noble, Vial, Wilson, Witt

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds exemption for balance trailers transporting a dory to list of vehicles exempt from brake requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Launch and retrieval process for dories
- Conflict with Federal Highway Administration requirements
- Potential effect on Federal funds
- Accident history

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Limits exemption to those trailers, unless operated in interstate commerce, that have a gross combination weight rating of more than 11,999 pounds or a gross combination rating of more than 11,999 pounds.

BACKGROUND:

Fisherman have been launching dories from the beach at Cape Kiwanda since the early 1900s. Pacific dories are flat-bottomed fishing boats designed to be launched and retrieved from the beach. The dories are launched and retrieved from the beach via a trailer and tow vehicle, typically a four wheel drive vehicle. Other vehicles exempted from the brake requirements include farm tractors, road machinery, and electric personal assistive mobility devices.