

HB 2291 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

Carrier: Rep. Meek

Action Date: 03/15/17

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

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Barreto, Evans, McKeown, McLain, Meek, Noble, Vial, Witt

Exc: 1 - Wilson

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Applicability to farm vehicles
- Potential Federal Funds impact due to being out of compliance
- Confusion over applicability

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Deletes provisions related to hazardous materials and specifies that the measure applies to conduct occurring on or after the effective date.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2291-A allows enforcement officers to issue violations for obscuring truck license plates on out-of-state vehicles. Obscured license plates slow down the flow of truck traffic through weigh stations and ports of entry, creating inefficiencies for other trucks and Oregon Department of Transportation staff. The measure also changes the weight calculation methodology for commercial buses for the purposes of the weight-mile tax and registration, so that it more closely resembles the method currently used for heavy vehicles.