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TO: House Committee on Business and Labor

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SUBJECT: HB 3030 with -1 Amendment, Occupational Licenses for Spouses of Armed Forces Members

INTRODUCTION

House Bill 3030 would provide an avenue for occupational licensing agencies to give temporary authorization to a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces. The -1 Amendment provides more clarity to the goal of the program. A commercial driver license would not fit under this program.

DISCUSSION

HB 3030 permits an agency to issue temporary licensure to particular people in specific circumstances. The -1 amendment clarifies the circumstances under which the temporary licensure may be granted. The bill is permissive to the agency, and allows rule-writing to specify the method and criteria by which the agency could exercise this authority.

ODOT, particularly its Motor Carrier Division, Safety Division, and DMV, has several programs that issue licensures or certificates to perform certain occupations. The largest volume is the Commercial Driver License (CDL), issued by DMV. This licensure has strict federal requirements the DMV must verify. DMV could not issue a temporary credential without running the candidate through all federally required steps for issuance. Therefore it would not be a candidate for this program. Others, for example teen driver education instructor, could be a good fit for a temporary allowance to continue in that career.

The department would weigh the criteria in the bill for each licensure or certification program to determine how it could meet the needs of military spouses so they can obtain temporary authorization to continue their profession while their family is newly stationed in Oregon.

SUMMARY

The -1 amendment provides clarity on the criteria an agency should consider in determining whether it would allow temporary licensure or certification. The CDL is not one that could be brought into this program.