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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 24, 2019

Joint Committee on Transportation
Oregon Capitol Building
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: House Bill 3214

Co-Chairs Beyer, McKeown, Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 3214.

At the outset, I want to make it clear that this bill does not change the qualifications one must meet under ORS 811.600 but expands the acceptable satisfactory evidence of 'need' that may be provided to DMV to include "necessary services."

Current statute grants a hardship license to those who must get to and from: their place of employment; seeking employment; substance abuse or gambling rehabilitation programs; or family members medical appointments.

This bill came from an acquaintance, who was not able to obtain a hardship permit because he was a stay-at-home dad. Consequently, he was not able to drive his daughter to school. I was surprised to hear that being a stay-at-home dad was not considered a job.

HB 3214 expands these to include "necessary services" which will include: Driving the individuals own children to school; grocery shopping; or caring for elderly family. If a hardship license allows someone to drive to work, they should be able to drive their kids to school and get groceries.

This bill allows people with suspended drivers license to continue to care for their family. I urge your support of HB 3214.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelly".

Representative Shelly Boshart Davis
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