

**HB 3214 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Transportation**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes a person with a hardship driver permit to provide necessary services as determined by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Circumstances where hardship permit would benefit stay-at-home parent

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In Oregon, hardship permits are available for applicants with certain driver license suspensions or if the applicant has been a habitual offender. Hardship permits are not available to applicants whose license was revoked due to a traffic crime. The permit allows an applicant to drive to and from work; for job duties; to seek employment; or to attend rehabilitation programs. Other states that provide hardship drivers permits are Massachusetts, Louisiana, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.

House Bill 3214 extends the provisions of hardship permits to allow drivers to provide necessary services to a person or member of a person's family. Necessary services can include grocery shopping, driving to medical appointments, and care for elderly family members.