

HB 3214 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Boshart Davis

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 05/06/19

Action: Do Pass.

House Vote

Yeas: 6 - Evans, Findley, Lewis, McKeown, McLain, Noble

Exc: 1 - Witt

Senate Vote

Yeas: 3 - Beyer, Frederick, Gelser

Exc: 2 - Bentz, Boquist

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/24, 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands reasons for which person may qualify for hardship driver permit to include providing necessary services to themselves or to a member of the person's family. Directs Oregon Department of Transportation to determine by rule what constitutes "necessary services."

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 Hardship permits are not available to applicants whose license was revoked due to a traffic crime.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 include, but need not be limited to, grocery shopping, driving to medical appointments or school, and care for elderly family members. The Oregon Department of Transportation is tasked with adopting a rule clarifying what will be considered necessary services.