

**HB 3214 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Beyer

**Joint Committee On Transportation**

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**Action Date:** 05/06/19

**Action:** Do pass.

**Senate Vote**

**Yeas:** 3 - Beyer, Frederick, Gelser

**Exc:** 2 - Bentz, Boquist

**House Vote**

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

**Exc:** 1 - Witt

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/24, 5/6

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Expands reasons for which person may qualify for hardship driver permit to include providing necessary services to themselves or a member of the person's family. Directs the 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 Hardship permits are not available to applicants whose license was revoked due to a traffic crime.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.