

HB 3125 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Morgan

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 05/13/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 7 - Boshart Davis, Evans, Lewis, McLain, Nathanson, Noble, Power

Senate Vote

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Boquist, Frederick, Gorsek

Nays: 1 - Findley

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/22, 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to create an emergency contact information form and make it available for individuals to voluntarily provide emergency contact information for inclusion in the individual's motor vehicle record for police officers to use, during or after emergency situations, to contact those listed. Directs ODOT to conduct outreach program to educate applicants and the general public about the opportunity to include emergency contact information in the motor vehicle record. Sunsets the outreach program on January 2, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Contacting next of kin following serious traffic accidents
- Voluntary program
- Current process in Oregon for identifying emergency contacts
- Methods of outreach that Oregon Department of Transportation could use
- Enrolling during online transactions
- No fee for enrolling in program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Revises requirements for outreach program.

BACKGROUND:

The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is the state entity responsible for licensing persons to legally operate motor vehicles on Oregon roads, as well as for registering motor vehicles to legally operate on public roads in Oregon. DMV maintains driving records for licensed individuals that track accidents, convictions for traffic offenses, diversion agreements, alcohol rehab entries, suspensions, cancellations, and revocations.

House Bill 3125 A directs ODOT to create a form by which applicants and licensees could voluntarily provide information of up to two emergency contacts to be included in their motor vehicle record. This information could be used by law enforcement in situations where the individual has been killed, seriously injured, or is otherwise unable to independently communicate with officers. For persons under age 18, at least one contact must be their parent or legal guardian. The measure also directs ODOT to conduct a public outreach program to inform individuals about the opportunity to voluntarily participate in the emergency contact program.