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TO: House Transportation Committee
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SUBJECT: House Bill 2821, -1 amendments

INTRODUCTION

This bill, as amended, would allow implements of husbandry to be hauled or towed when in a combination of three implements or a combination of a vehicle and two implements. Such combinations currently must be "drawn," which means the implements may not be placed on a flatbed trailer, for example.

WHAT THE BILL DOES

The -1 amendments to House Bill 2821 allow implements to be hauled or towed rather than only "drawn" on the highway. This makes sense because it is arguably safer to transport an implement of husbandry on a trailer than to pull it along on its own wheels.

Moreover, the proposed amendment to the limits on implements of husbandry in combination would be consistent with an existing exemption from size limitations.

ORS 818.100(12) provides an exemption from size limits, except the maximum allowable extension beyond the last axle, when implements of husbandry are "hailed, towed or moved" on any highway other than interstates.

SUMMARY

HB 2821, as amended, allows implements of husbandry to be hauled or towed, rather than only drawn on the highway, when in a combination of three implements or a combination of a vehicle and two implements. This is consistent with an existing exemption from size limits.