74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session   **MEASURE:**   **HB 3380**
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY   **CARRIER:**   **CONSENT**
House Committee on Transportation

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Buckley, Butler, Gilman, Read, Tomei, Beyer
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Smith G.
Prepared By:	Judith Callens, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/9, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes from definition of "commercial motor vehicle" those vehicles owned, leased, or operated under contract, with a mass transit district or a transportation district when the vehicle is being used to transport passengers for hire.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- Commercial driver license (CDL) requirements
- Use of minivans and other small vehicles by special transportation providers, not commercial size vehicles
- Impacts on rural special transportation services
- Burden on volunteers to meet CDL requirements; recruitment issues
- Federal CDL requirements

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current law requires that all operators of vehicles owned, leased by, or under contract with a mass transit district or transportation district, regardless of vehicle size or passenger capacity, must have a Commercial Driver License (CDL) to operate those vehicles, unless the operator is a volunteer. Ride Connection and many other small non-profit providers of special transportation services commonly use minivans and other small vehicles to transport seniors and the disabled. Under current law, certain providers that receive funds from or are under contract with mass transit districts (TriMet, Lane Transit District and Salem-Keizer Transit) are at risk of being required to have CDLs for all their operators, regardless of the size of the vehicle. HB 3380 eliminates the Commercial Driver License requirement for mass transit district and transportation district drivers when the vehicle operated is under 26,001 pounds and carries less than 16 passengers.

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