

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/13/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/13

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Thomsen

Exc: 1 - Riley

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends the expiration date of driver licenses for persons volunteering outside of the United States. Specifies that driver licenses expire 90 days following the individual's return to the United States.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Applicability of measure to members serving in the military

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation is responsible for overseeing the licensure of individuals to operate motor vehicles in Oregon. Persons seeking to obtain an Oregon license for the first time, or to renew an existing Oregon license, must complete an application process that includes furnishing proof of age, identity, Oregon residency and proof of legal presence in the United States. Most driver licenses issued by DMV are valid for eight years. Licenses that have expired do not grant driving privileges and are not valid evidence of driving privileges.

House Bill 3005 specifies that for persons who have been serving on a volunteer basis outside of the United States for a nonprofit, religious, charitable or relief organization, their driver license is considered valid and grants driving privileges for 90 days following the individual's return to the United States. Should the individual be charged with operating without driving privileges, the court is directed to dismiss those charges.