

**HB 2236 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 04/15/19

**Action:** Without recommendation as to passage and be returned to President's desk for referral to another committee.

**Vote:** 4-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Baertschiger Jr, Burdick, Dembrow, Roblan

**Exc:** 1 - Boquist

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** Has minimal revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/15

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows farm tractors to operate on state highways that have a speed limit or posted speed of more than 35 miles per hour.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Referring the bill to a different committee

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 801.331 defines a "low-speed vehicle" as a "four wheeled motor vehicle with a top speed of more than 20 miles per hour but not more than 25 miles per hour." Oregon adheres to federal standards for low-speed vehicles as outlined in 49 CFR § 571.500, which specifies that low-speed vehicles must be equipped with headlights, front and rear turn signals, tail lamps, stop lamps, reflex reflectors, exterior mirrors on both sides, a parking brake, a windshield, and qualifying seat belt assemblies. ORS 811.512 prohibits operating a low-speed vehicle on a highway with a posted speed of more than 35 miles per hour.

House Bill 2236 provides that farm tractors do not qualify as "low-speed vehicles" for purposes of the offense of unlawful operation of a low-speed vehicle on the highway.