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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE (at the request of Representative Nancy Nathanson for the Oregon Trucking Associations)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2118

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 5, after "811.745" insert ", 825.224".

2 On page 34, after line 6, insert:

³ **"SECTION 39.** ORS 825.224 is amended to read:

"825.224. (1) The rates, classifications, rules and practices used by for-hire
carriers in the transportation of household goods shall be prescribed by the
Department of Transportation and:

"(a) Be plainly stated in tariffs available to the public at each carrier's
office, and at the office of the department; and

9 "(b) Be just, reasonable and fair and may not be unduly discriminatory, 10 prejudicial or preferential.

"(2)(a) If a for-hire carrier of household goods with an individual 11 tariff on file with the department, or a rate bureau, files a petition for 12a general increase, the department shall determine whether the re-13 quested increase is justified based on a comparison of the Consumer 14 Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region, in effect at the 15time of the most recent general increase, with the Consumer Price 16 Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region, in effect at the time of 17 the determination. 18

19 "(b) As used in this subsection:

20 "(A) 'Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West 21 Region' means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statis tics of the United States Department of Labor.

"(B) 'General increase' has the meaning given that term in rules
adopted by the department.

5 "[(2)] (3) A for-hire carrier of household goods may not:

6 "(a) Charge, collect or receive [a different] remuneration for the trans-7 portation of household goods, or for any related service, [than] that differs 8 from the rates that have been legally prescribed and filed with the depart-9 ment.

"(b) Refund or remit in any manner or by any device any portion of the
 rates required to be collected by its tariffs or written contracts on file with
 the department.

"[(3)(a)] (4)(a) Any action against for-hire carriers of household goods for
 recovery of overcharges, or by the carriers for the collection of undercharges,
 shall be commenced within two years from the time the cause of action ac crued.

17 "(b) As used in this subsection:

"(A) 'Overcharges' means charges assessed for transportation service that
 are more than the rates applicable under the tariff lawfully in effect or in
 written contracts on file with the department.

"(B) 'Undercharges' means charges assessed for transportation service that are less than the rates applicable under the tariff lawfully in effect or in written contracts on file with the department.

"[(4)] (5) The department shall check the records of for-hire carriers of household goods for the purpose of discovering all discriminations and rebates. The department:

"(a) Upon the department's own motion, may, and upon the complaint of any aggrieved person, shall, pursuant to written notice served upon any carrier subject to this subsection, investigate the carrier's service and the carrier's rates, classifications, rules and practices; and "(b) To the extent that the rates, classifications, rules or practices are found by the department to be unreasonable, unlawful, unfair or unduly discriminatory, preferential or prejudicial, shall, by orders based upon the evidence, require the carrier to comply with just, fair, lawful and reasonable rates, classifications, rules and practices established by the department. Such carrier shall immediately comply with such orders.

"[(5)] (6) The department may suspend a tariff of for-hire carriers of
household goods that the department believes will impair the ability of the
carriers to serve the public or that appears to be unjust, unfair, unreasonable, prejudicial, discriminatory or otherwise unlawful.".

In line 6, delete "39" and insert "40" and delete "38" and insert "39".

In line 9, delete "38" and insert "39".

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