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TO: Joint Committee on Transportation

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SUBJECT: House Bill 3125-1 – Emergency Contact Information

INTRODUCTION

House Bill 3125, with the (-1) amendment, allows individuals with a driver license, driver permit, or ID card to store emergency contact information on their DMV record; and requires ODOT-DMV to make that information available to law enforcement in cases of emergency, such as a serious traffic crash. The measure requires ODOT to undertake a public outreach campaign to inform the public of this option.

DISCUSSION

House Bill 3125, with the (-1) amendment, requires ODOT-DMV to allow individuals to provide emergency contact information for up to two individuals, and store this information on their driver record. The measure allows parents or guardians to provide this information on behalf of their child, and requires that at least one emergency contact of an unmarried or un-emancipated minor be their parent or guardian. The emergency contact information provided would only be available to law enforcement during emergency situations, as defined in the measure.

Additionally, the measure requires ODOT to undertake a public outreach campaign. The campaign must provide materials and information in English, and other languages that are most spoke in Oregon. The measure requires this information to be distributed through a variety of media sources, state agencies, associations, and organizations.

To implement the measure, ODOT envisions providing two pathways through which an individual may provide or update their emergency contact information:

- 1) Online – ODOT-DMV will provide an online form for individuals to provide or update their emergency contact information. This will likely include a standalone form, or a prompt to enter the information during online credential replacements or renewals.
- 2) Paper form – For individuals who do not have reliable access to the internet, forms will be made available to supply this emergency contact information.

SUMMARY

House Bill 3125, with the (-1) amendment, requires ODOT to allow individuals to provide emergency contact information for up to two people, on their driver record. This contact information is only accessible to law enforcement in cases of emergency, when an individual is killed, seriously injured, or rendered unconscious and is unable to communicate with police officers. The measure requires ODOT to undertake a public outreach campaign to inform the public of this option, and provide this information in languages other than English.