

**HB 3438 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Transportation**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Permits motor vehicles to drawing a single trailer to also draw a fam trailer that is attached to a non-swivel hitch and that does not exceed eight feet in length.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon statute limits the maximum length of vehicles, or vehicle combinations, that can be operated on Oregon roads without specified permits. Exceptions are provided for a number of different types of vehicles, such as public utility vehicles and commercial trucks, and in a number of situations.

House Bill 3438 creates an exception for three-vehicle combinations where a motor vehicle is pulling a trailer attached to the motor vehicle, and a second farm trailer is attached to the first trailer. The measure specifies that to qualify, the farm trailer must be attached by a hitch that does not swivel, and may be no more than eight feet in length. The measure also specifies that this particular three-vehicle combination does not violate the provisions of ORS 818.110 that prohibits operating a combination of more than two vehicles.