

# Senate Bill 894

Sponsored by Senator B STARR; Senators METSGER, VERGER, WHITSETT, Representatives BEYER, BOONE, BRUUN, BURLEY, GILMAN, HUNT, THATCHER (at the request of Oregon Trucking Associations)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Defines "freight route" for purpose of prohibition on reduction of capacity of state highways.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to freight routes; amending ORS 366.215.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 366.215 is amended to read:

5 366.215. (1) The Oregon Transportation Commission may select, establish, adopt, lay out, locate,  
6 alter, relocate, change and realign primary and secondary state highways.

7 [(2)] **(2)(a) As used in this subsection, "freight route" means any highway included in the**  
8 **National Highway System.**

9 **(b)** Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the commission may not permanently  
10 reduce the vehicle-carrying capacity of [*an identified*] **a** freight route when altering, relocating,  
11 changing or realigning a state highway unless safety or access considerations require the reduction.

12 (3) A local government, as defined in ORS 174.116, may apply to the commission for an ex-  
13 emption from the prohibition in subsection (2) of this section. The commission shall grant the ex-  
14 emption if it finds that the exemption is in the best interest of the state and that freight movement  
15 is not unreasonably impeded by the exemption.

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.