

SYMPOSIUM

Regulation of Intrastate Motor Carriers: The Oregon Debate

Without question, the most passionate transportation debate of the last decade has involved deregulation. Amid the controversy in political, legal, academic, industry, and media circles, numerous pieces of legislation affecting interstate competition, economic efficiency, pricing, service, and safety have been passed by Congress, aimed at railroads, airlines, buses, and motor carriers.

A concomitant debate has emerged at the state level. While the overwhelming majority of states continue to regulate intrastate transportation, the political and regulatory bodies of nearly all states have been considering modifications to the existing regulatory climate—ranging from stricter regulation to almost complete deregulation.

This issue of the *Transportation Law Journal* is pleased to provide two views of intrastate motor carrier regulation. The two lead articles focus on Oregon, a state with a typical intrastate regulatory scheme which has been considering taking steps toward deregulation. The first article, *Economic Regulation of Oregon Intrastate Trucking: A Policy Evaluation*, by Evan White, argues that Oregon would benefit from substantial deregulation of the state's motor carriers. The rejoinder article, *Benefits of Economic Regulation of Oregon Intrastate Motor Carriers*, by Dick Dolan, argues that the state and its transportation industry would not. Both authors are employed by the Oregon Public Utility Commission, and are extremely well qualified to present their views on this important topic.

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