

House Bill 2658

Sponsored by Representative GAMBA (Presession filed.)

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**.

Directs Department of Transportation to determine carbon emissions of motor vehicles and impose additional registration fee based on relative vehicle carbon emissions.

Directs Department of Environmental Quality to establish competitive grant program for construction, operation and maintenance of infrastructure projects to reduce carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions.

Establishes Transportation Modernization Grant Fund.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to motor vehicle emissions; and providing for revenue raising that requires approval by a
3 three-fifths majority.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall determine the average carbon**
6 **emissions for each motor vehicle pursuant to a method determined by the department.**

7 **(2) In addition to the registration fees prescribed under ORS 803.420 and 803.422, there**
8 **shall be paid for each year of the registration period, an additional carbon emissions fee de-**
9 **termined by the department under subsection (3) of this section.**

10 **(3)(a) The maximum amount of the fee imposed under this section shall be \$_____.**

11 **(b) The department may reduce the fee described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, in-**
12 **cluding a reduction to \$0, based on the relative carbon emissions of the vehicle, as deter-**
13 **mined by the department under subsection (1) of this section.**

14 **(4) The department shall deposit fees collected under this section in the Transportation**
15 **Modernization Grant Fund established under section 3 of this 2023 Act.**

16 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality shall establish a competitive**
17 **grant program to provide financial assistance to cities and counties for the construction,**
18 **operation and maintenance of infrastructure projects designed to reduce carbon or other**
19 **greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles.**

20 **(2) Grants awarded under the program may only be used for the construction, operation**
21 **and maintenance of infrastructure projects that are:**

22 **(a) Designed to reduce carbon or other greenhouse gas emissions; and**

23 **(b) Are located within a highway, or other right of way, or a roadside rest area, and re-**
24 **sult in an improvement that directly benefits users of the right of way.**

25 **(3) The Environmental Quality Commission may adopt rules to implement the provisions**
26 **of this section, including but not limited to rules describing how the department will:**

27 **(a) Evaluate grant applications;**

28 **(b) Award grants under the program; and**

29 **(c) Verify that grant moneys have been used for the purposes for which they were**

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.

1 awarded.

2 **SECTION 3. (1) The Transportation Modernization Grant Fund is established in the State**
3 **Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Transporta-**
4 **tion Modernization Grant Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

5 **(2) The Transportation Modernization Grant Fund consist of moneys deposited into the**
6 **fund by the Department of Transportation under section 1 of this 2023 Act and interest**
7 **earned by the fund.**

8 **(3) Moneys in the Transportation Modernization Grant Fund are continuously appropri-**
9 **ated to the Department of Environmental Quality for the purpose of carrying out section 2**
10 **of this 2023 Act.**

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