

REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Bill Number:	SB 1022-A
Revenue Area:	Transportation
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Measure Description:

Requires the Oregon Transportation Commission to approve the establishment of any tolls in Oregon. Establishes sanctions for failure to pay tolls including a civil penalty of not more than \$25 and refusal to renew a vehicle registration. Authorizes use of electronic toll collection and a photo enforcement system by a tollway operator under conditions set by the commission. Specifies that photos of a vehicle are prima facie evidence that the owner of the vehicle was the driver who did not pay the toll. Allows a registered owner to recover from the driver or renter of a ticketed vehicle the amount of the toll and civil penalty. Exempts records including photos from public disclosure, specifies who records may be disclosed to, and stipulates that records may only be used for toll collection and traffic management purposes. Clarifies which statutory provisions apply to toll projects that are entered into through the Innovative Partnership Program, consistent with the program's statutes.

Revenue Impact:

If the tollways are brought on line by early 2011, then revenue to the highway fund will start coming in the 2009-11 biennium. The expectation is about \$700,000 for that biennium. If the projects are not ready until the 2011-13 biennium then the revenue expectation will be about \$3.5 million.

Impact Explanation:

This is an enabling legislation for electronic tollways. This bill creates obligation of person to pay toll, imposes civil penalty for failure to pay toll and imposes penalties, authorizes use of photo radar to enforce toll payment. Authorizes Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to put a (DMV) hold on the registration of vehicle owned by an individual who fails to pay toll. Additionally it exempts tollway fees from the required legislative biennial review. The bill will give ODOT the authority to undertake rulemaking to govern the review and approval of tollway proposals, standards for electronic toll collections, photo enforcement of tolls and assessment and collection of civil penalties for unpaid tolls.

While the feasibility of financing several facilities, such as the Newberg-Dundee Bypass and a new bridge across the Columbia River at Portland, is being reviewed, none is under construction. No toll facility would be completed during the 2007-2009 biennium. However, for purposes of this statement, the assumption is that a toll facility would be ready for operation by the beginning of 2011.

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