74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2119 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Butler

House Committee on Transportation

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Buckley, Butler, Gilman, Read, Smith G., Tomei, Beyer

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits display of registration plate or registration sticker on vehicle other than vehicle for which plate or sticker was issued. Exempts vehicle dealers authorized to use and operate vehicles displaying a dealer's plate. Prohibits display of registration sticker that contains an expiration date that is different from the expiration date on vehicle registration records. Creates Class B traffic violation for illegal display of registration plate.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Switching vehicle registration plates or stickers to another vehicle is not currently a violation of law
- · Law enforcement dilemmas when vehicle found with erroneous registration plate or sticker
- Intentional attempt to evade detection by law enforcement
- Dealer need to move vehicles and use dealer plates on multiple vehicles
- · Registration stickers for fleet vehicles need to match expiration date on DMV records

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Prohibits display of registration sticker that contains an expiration date that is different from the expiration date shown upon the vehicle registration records of the Department of Transportation. Exempts vehicle dealers authorized to use and operate vehicles displaying a dealer's plate.

BACKGROUND: Under ORS 803.550, it is a Class B traffic violation to alter a vehicle registration plate carrying a fine of up to \$360. HB 2119A adds a prohibition on displaying registration plates or stickers on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which issued with exception for vehicle dealers.