

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits knowingly using license plates or registration stickers on a vehicle other than vehicle for which the plate or sticker was issued. Exempts vehicle dealers authorized to operate vehicles displaying a dealer plate. Prohibits knowingly displaying a registration sticker with an expiration date different from the expiration date on the vehicle registration records. Creates a Class B traffic violation for illegal display of a 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

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Under ORS 803.550, it is a Class B traffic violation to alter a vehicle registration plate, but there is nothing that specifically prohibits the display of plates or registration tags on a vehicle other than the one for which they were issued. Law enforcement officers sometimes cite the driver of such a vehicle for operating with missing registration plates, a Class D violation. House Bill 2119-A adds a prohibition on knowingly displaying plates or stickers on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plates are issued. Under the measure a violation of the prohibition would be a Class B violation.