

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 7 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Buckley, Butler, Gilman, Read, Smith G., Tomei, Beyer
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 1/24, 2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds compliance with low emission standards as requirement for registration of motor vehicles beginning with model year 2009. Directs Oregon Department of Transportation to promulgate rules defining what constitutes compliance with low emission motor vehicle standards and identifying new motor vehicles exempt from the requirement. Requires rules to be consistent with relevant Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) standards. Defines "new motor vehicle" to mean a motor vehicle with 7,500 miles or less on the odometer when the vehicle is initially registered.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Vehicle pollution control equipment requirements
- Related rules adopted by the Oregon EQC
- Treatment of 2009 vehicles or newer with an odometer reading over 7,500 miles

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Under ORS 803.350(4), motor vehicle owners must provide proof of compliance with pollution control equipment requirements to the Oregon Department of Transportation when registering their vehicle unless the vehicle meets exemptions under ORS 815.300. In June, 2006, Oregon's EQC adopted rules requiring that new vehicles meet California auto emission standards.

HB 2272 authorizes the Oregon Department of Transportation to deny registration of vehicles that do not meet the new emission standards adopted by the Commission. The measure applies those standards to motor vehicles beginning with model year 2009 with an odometer reading of 7,500 miles or less at the time of Oregon registration. HB 2272 further applies to 2009 or later model vehicles that have never been registered in another state regardless of odometer reading.