

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Bates, Beyer, Prozanski, Avakian
Nays: 0
Exc.: Atkinson
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Meeting Dates: 5/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds compliance with low emission standards as requirement for registration of motor vehicles beginning with model year 2009. Directs 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 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
- Regulatory standards of neighboring states
- Whether consumers would purchase vehicles from Idaho with less restrictive emission standards
- Air quality and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

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 Department of Transportation (ODOT) when registering their vehicle, unless the vehicle meets exemptions under ORS 815.300. In June 2006, Oregon’s Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) adopted rules requiring that new vehicles meet California auto emission standards.

House Bill 2272 authorizes ODOT to deny registration of vehicles that do not meet the new emission standards adopted by EQC. 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. The measure further applies to 2009 or later model vehicles that have never been registered in another state regardless of odometer reading.