

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1

**Yeas:** George L., Monnes Anderson, Starr, Metsger

**Nays:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/24, 5/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes that a person commits the offense of acting as a vehicle appraiser without a certificate if the person appraises a vehicle for compensation and does not possess a vehicle appraiser certificate. Creates exemptions for vehicle dealers, insurance adjusters, and certificated appraisers from other states. Extends certification period from two to three years and adjusts issuance and renewal fees accordingly. Sets violation as a Class A violation.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED :**

- Types of vehicles appraised and situations of appraisers
- Fees offsetting program costs
- Pros and cons of creating a master appraiser level for more experienced appraisers

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Deletes master appraiser certification category. Clarifies exemptions and includes insurance adjusters. Defines appraiser and clarifies that appraisers who do not receive compensation are not required to be certified.

**BACKGROUND:** Current law contains provisions for the certification of appraisers by the Department of Transportation. The agency has authority to set procedures and qualifications for a two-year appraiser certificate. Fees are set in statute at \$50 for both issuance and renewal. Current law has no provision for requiring a certificate in order to appraise vehicles and no penalty for appraising without a certificate.

House Bill 2435-A establishes a Class A violation for a person who performs appraisal work for compensation without a certificate and provides exemptions for vehicle dealers, certified out-of-state appraisers, insurance adjusters, and real estate appraisers who appraise manufactured homes. The Oregon certificate is extended to three years and the fees adjusted for the longer period.