

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

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Meeting Dates:	4/23, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Decreases registration fees for motor homes from \$126 to \$54. Increases length of motor home up to 14 feet as threshold for registration fee of \$126. Requires additional \$7.50 per foot registration fee for length beyond 10 feet for motor homes. Increases penalty from Class D to Class A traffic violation for truck drivers who violate provisions of size and weight permit.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Unequal treatment of vans under vehicle registration statutes
- Loss of revenue to Parks and Recreation Department
- Cost of pilot cars more than penalty for violating truck length permit provisions

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces original bill.

BACKGROUND: Under current law, motor homes 10 feet or less in length pay registration fees of \$54. Those over 10 feet pay \$126 plus \$7.50 for each foot over 10 feet. The requestor brought forward concerns that some vans that may act as motor homes are being registered as passenger vehicles while similar vans are registered as motor homes. The Division of Motor Vehicles do not inspect vans for a distinction between those used solely as passenger vans and those that are capable of being used as motor homes. HB 2936A reduces the registration fees for motor homes up to 14 feet in length from \$126 to \$54, however, motor homes at least 14 feet in length subject to the \$126 registration fee will still be charged an additional fee of \$7.50 for each foot of length beyond 10 feet.

Pilot cars are necessary to guide trucks with a size and weight variance permit. At current prices, it is less expensive for truck owners to pay a Class D traffic violation for violating provisions of their size and weight permit rather than pay for proper pilot car guidance. The Oregon Trucking Association brought forward language in HB 2936A to increase the permit violation penalty from a Class D traffic violation (penalty up to \$90) to a Class A traffic violation (penalty up to \$720), thereby making it less costly to hire pilot cars than to pay the penalty.