

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
<b>Vote:</b>	10 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bailey, Bentz, Berger, Boone, Edwards D., Gilman, Kahl, Schaufler, Weidner, Beyer
<b>Nays:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Exempts road machinery from vehicle titling and registration requirements.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division has not titled county road machinery since 2005
- Need to occasionally operate road machinery on roadways to get to work sites

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 803 provides statutory requirements for certificates of title and for registration of vehicles that are owned and operated in the state. There are certain types of vehicles, however, that are exempt from titling and/or registration requirements, including bicycles, snowmobiles, some types of trailers, and several types of road and farm equipment.

There are several types of vehicles that are used by road authorities to maintain roadways. Since 2005, the Driver and Motor Vehicle Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation has refused titling and registration for “fixed load vehicles,” as defined by ORS 801.285, that are owned and operated by counties. These vehicles are exempt under Oregon law from titling and registration requirements while operating within a construction site; however, there are occasions when they must also be operated on a roadway in ways incidental to their use in highway maintenance operations. In such cases, these vehicles are out of compliance with titling and registration requirements.

House Bill 2041 creates a statutory definition for “road machinery” that includes, but is not limited to, backhoes, chip spreaders, excavators, forklifts, front-end loaders, mowers, road graders, snow blowers and utility tractors. The measure designates these types of vehicles, when operated at the direction of a road authority, to be exempt from titling and registration requirements, provided that the use is incidental to use in a highway maintenance operation.

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