

**REVENUE: Revenue statement issued**

**FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 1 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bailey, Bentz, Berger, Boone, Gilman, Kahl, Schaufler
<b>Nays:</b>	Beyer
<b>Exc.:</b>	Edwards D., Weidner
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Patrick Brennan, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/27, 4/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs the Department of Transportation to issue Fallen Public Safety Officer registration plates. Imposes a surcharge on such plates and specifies that proceeds will be deposited into the Police Memorial Trust, to be used for travel expenses of family members and honor guard escort to attend national memorial services.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of recognizing sacrifice of fallen public safety officers and their families
- National memorial services

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Specifies that proceeds are to be used for travel expenses of family members of those killed in the line of duty who wish to attend national memorial services and for honor guards to escort the family members. Changes where funds are deposited from the Public Safety Memorial Fund established under ORS 243.950 to the Police Memorial Trust established under ORS 181.714.

**BACKGROUND:** The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Department of Transportation offers non-profit group license plates for passenger vehicles registered in Oregon. Such plates include an additional registration fee, payable every two years (with the exception of the "Share the Road" registration plate, which is due only at initial issuance), with all funds raised after the collection of a DMV surcharge going to the nonprofit entity. Group non-profit plates are currently available for: the Lions Clubs of Oregon, which raises money for the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, Inc.; the Oregon Masonic Family, which raises money for the Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation, Inc.; the Oregon Professional Firefighters, which raises money for Professional Firefighters of Hillsboro; Oregon State Elks, which raises money for the Oregon State Elks Association Trust; Share the Road, which raises money for the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and Cycle Oregon; and Support Our Troops, which raises money for Support Our Troops, Inc. All of the plates are available to anyone. With the exception of the Share the Road plate, all of the group non-profit plates are printed on the Oregon tree license plate.

House Bill 2512-A creates a new Fallen Public Safety Officer group non-profit license plate and dedicates proceeds raised by the plates to the Police Memorial Trust. Moneys deposited into the trust will then be used to pay for family members of fallen officers, as well as an honor guard escort, to attend national memorial services.