

**REVENUE:** Revenue statement issued

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

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**Action:** Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Bill and Be Printed B-Engrossed

**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1

**Yeas:** George, Schrader, Starr, Metsger

**Nays:** -

**Exc.:** Verger

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/21, 5/27, 5/28

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes consular corps registration plates for use on motor vehicles. Authorizes surcharge for issuance of registration plates on behalf of nonprofit groups to be set by administrative rule of no less than \$2.50 and no more than \$16 per plate. Authorizes nonprofit-group registration plate for fallen public safety officers to include decal indicating plates are issued to recognize fallen public safety officers. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Continuation of licenses given to counselor corps
- Stickers, insignias, logos, and other symbols that might appear on license plates
- Current statutory provisions for special license plates

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Authorizes surcharge for issuance of registration plates on behalf of nonprofit groups to be set by administrative rule of no less than \$2.50 and no more than \$16 per plate. Authorizes nonprofit-group registration plate for fallen public safety officers to include decal indicating plates are issued to recognize fallen public safety officers.

**BACKGROUND:** The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation offers several different vehicle registration plates, including the standard tree plate, Crater Lake plate, salmon plate, and Cultural Trust plate. In addition, there are special plates available for ham radio operators and for antique or special interest vehicles, and variations of the tree plate for non-profit groups, higher education institutions, and veteran/service organizations. Vehicle owners can also receive custom registration plates that allow them to choose the alphanumeric sequence.

House Bill 2569-A directs DMV, upon request, to issue special registration plates for honorary consular officers to the United States. The plates are custom plates subject to a \$25 per year additional registration fee. The plates are valid on a vehicle only for the period during which the owner is acting in the official capacity as an honorary consul for a foreign consulate. Consular plates are currently issued as specialized plates under ORS 805.240.

A *consular officer* is a citizen of a foreign country employed by a foreign government and authorized to provide assistance on behalf of that government to that government's citizens in a foreign country. They are traditionally assigned to the consular section of a foreign government's embassy in Washington D.C., or to consular offices maintained by the foreign government in locations throughout the United States. An *honorary consul* is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States who has been authorized by a foreign government to perform official functions on its behalf in the United States.

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