

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Transportation by Prior Reference

Vote: 8 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Maurer, Sprenger, Thatcher, Gelser

Nays: 0

Exc.: Roblan, VanOrman

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Meeting Dates: 4/3, 4/6, 4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Department of Transportation (ODOT) to establish the education registration plate program to issue education registration plates. Provides that Department shall collect a \$35 surcharge, per year of registration, for each education registration plate issued. Requires that moneys received from education registration plate surcharge be transferred to the Department of Education (ODE) after deduction of administrative costs of education registration plate program. Requires ODE to distribute funds it receives to each school district unless: 1) a qualified education foundation is operating within school district, in which case moneys shall be distributed to the qualified education foundation; or 2) if more than one qualified education foundation is operating within school district, moneys shall be distributed equally amongst each qualified education foundation. Requires Oregon Transportation Commission to conduct contest to design education registration plate. Appropriates unspecified sum to ODOT out of General Fund, beginning July 1, 2009, to initiate education registration plate program. Provides method of reimbursement to General Fund for sums expended. Declares emergency; effective July 1, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Frequency of transfer of funds to ODE
- Need to clarify that fee is for both plates not a fee for each plate
- Establishment of new plate

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3050 creates an education registration plate and provides that ODOT shall collect \$35, per year of registration, for each education registration plate issued. Fees collected from the sale of education registration plates shall be transferred to ODE after administrative fees are deducted. The measure also tasks the Oregon Transportation Commission with conducting a contest for the design of the education registration plate.