75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 3121 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Whisnant

House Committee on Transportation

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bailey, Bentz, Berger, Boone, Edwards D., Gilman, Kahl, Schaufler, Weidner, Beyer

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/17, 4/27, 4/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Department of Transportation to issue a "Keep Kids Safe" vehicle registration plate. Specifies a surcharge of \$16 per year on issuance and renewal of the plate, with proceeds collected to be deposited quarterly in an account designated by the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon Foundation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of child abuse prevention programs
- Long-term effects of child abuse
- Statistics on purchase of similar license plates in other states

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes reference to State Commission on Children and Families. Directs proceeds from registration plates to an account designated by the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon Foundation. Specifies that in the event that the Foundation ceases to exist that proceeds may be deposited into the Passenger Rail Transportation Account.

BACKGROUND: The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Department of Transportation offers several different types of registration plates for vehicles, including the tree plate, Crater Lake plate, salmon plate and cultural 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 on the plate.

House Bill 3121-A directs the Department of Transportation to issue a "Keep Kids Safe" vehicle registration plate and to designate proceeds from the \$16/year surcharge to an account designated by the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon Foundation for child abuse prevention programs.