

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/19, 4/13, 4/22, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Re-creates “Pacific Wonderland” vehicle registration plates. Clarifies regulation of vehicle dismantlers. Limits issue of “Pacific Wonderland” registration plates to 25,000 sets at \$100 surcharge, with proceeds going to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation for an Oregon History Center to be established at the Capitol. Specifies initial \$150,000 funding to come from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Operating Fund, with initial costs to be reimbursed from surcharge income. Changes maximum civil penalty for motor vehicle dismantling without a dismantler certificate issued by ODOT from \$5,000 to \$1,000 per vehicle. Authorizes corrected dismantler certificates for dismantlers who move, change ownership, or change business name. Reorganizes and clarifies recording keeping requirements. Expands ODOT authority to discipline dismantlers for violations of statutes or rules regulating dismantlers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Framework for regulation of vehicle dismantlers
- Current cross-reference problems in dismantlers statute
- Rationale for proposed change in civil penalty for dismantler violations
- History of “Pacific Wonderland” plates, salmon plates, and Crater Lake plates
- Oregon 150 Board and Oregon’s 150th birthday

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: The purpose of regulating motor vehicle dismantlers is to ensure an audit trail to reduce the trade of stolen vehicles and parts. Oregon’s regulation of dismantlers dates from the 1983 legislative session.

Oregon’s historic “Pacific Wonderland” registration plates were issued between 1959 and 1963 to commemorate Oregon’s centennial. Re-issue would commemorate Oregon’s sesquicentennial (150th anniversary).