REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION 75th Oregon Legislative Assembly 2009 Regular Session Legislative Revenue Office

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Measure Description:

Requires the Department of Transportation to design a "Keep Kids Safe" vehicle registration plate. 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. Specifies a surcharge of \$16 per year on issuance and renewal of the plate.

Revenue Impact: Minimal impact, below \$50,000

The impact of this measure is not expected to generate large amounts of revenue. There exist many non-profit Group plates for the car owner to choose form, all of the different plates are equally available to anyone, and after paying for costs of issuance, the resulting revenue amounts are small.

Impact Explanation:

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 directs the Department of Transportation to develop a "Keep Kids Safe" vehicle registration plate and to designate proceeds from the \$16/year surcharge to the Commission on Children and Families for child abuse prevention programs. It is not clear when will DMV be able to recover its cost, and when this plate is will be yielding net revenue to the program.

Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure:

