

B-Engrossed
Senate Bill 961

Ordered by the Senate June 26
Including Senate Amendments dated May 8 and June 26

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Establishes Pacific Wonderland registration plate program for purpose of issuing special registration license plates. Imposes surcharge on owners of motor vehicles who opt to use license plate. Requires Department of Transportation to transfer moneys collected pursuant to surcharge to Oregon State Capitol Foundation **and Oregon Historical Society** for purpose of establishing and maintaining Oregon History Center at State Capitol or on grounds of State Capitol State Park.

[Modifies provisions relating to regulation of dismantlers. Decreases civil penalty department may impose on person who conducts dismantling business without dismantler certificate. Authorizes department to issue corrected certificate to holder of dismantler certificate when dismantling business undergoes certain changes. Broadens department's authority to discipline dismantlers that violate provisions or rules regulating dismantlers.]

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to vehicles.

3 Whereas Oregon has been a pacific wonderland from its earliest days of inhabitation by native
4 tribes, through the early explorations of George Vancouver, James Cook, William Clark, Meriwether
5 Lewis, Jedediah Smith, Thomas Condon and others, up to and including the establishment and
6 flourishing of the State of Oregon itself; and

7 Whereas the colorful history of Oregon's tribal occupation, exploration, geography, geology and
8 economy deserves to be known by the state's citizenry; and

9 Whereas understanding the influence of technological innovation, the role of beliefs in shaping
10 family life, the genius and folly of early transportation, settlement, labor, industry, agriculture,
11 fishing, mining and immigration are critical to the understanding of our present ways of life; and

12 Whereas Oregon's mountains, valleys, deserts, rivers and ocean shores are priceless assets; and

13 Whereas efforts to describe, illustrate and appreciate the work and sacrifices of our Oregon
14 ancestors are key to preserving state resources and ensuring prosperity and the pursuit of happiness
15 for future generations of Oregonians; and

16 Whereas "Pacific Wonderland" registration plates, issued during the centennial year of 1959 and
17 continuing to 1964, are a unique part of Oregon history; and

18 Whereas thousands of Oregon schoolchildren, adults, and visitors come to the State Capitol in
19 Salem each year to learn about Oregon and its government, making the State Capitol one of
20 Oregon's premier educational resources; and

21 Whereas the addition of an Oregon History Center within the State Capitol building or in a
22 structure on the grounds of the State Capitol State Park would be a significant benefit to good cit-
23 izenship, ensuring wisdom in future decision-making by Oregon's citizenry and its government; and

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Whereas the Legislative Assembly should recreate a limited edition of Oregon’s historic Pacific
2 Wonderland registration plate in this sesquicentennial year, with proceeds to be devoted to the
3 purpose of establishing an Oregon History Center at the State Capitol or on the grounds of the State
4 Capitol State Park; now, therefore,

5 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

6 **SECTION 1.** Sections 2 and 3 of this 2009 Act are added to and made a part of the Oregon
7 Vehicle Code.

8 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a Pacific Wonderland
9 registration plate program to issue special registration plates called “Pacific Wonderland
10 registration plates” upon request to owners of motor vehicles registered under the provisions
11 of ORS 803.420 (1). In addition, the department may adopt rules for issuance of Pacific
12 Wonderland registration plates for vehicles not registered under the provisions of ORS
13 803.420 (1).

14 (2) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, for each set of Pacific Wonderland
15 registration plates issued under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall collect
16 a surcharge of \$100 payable when the plates are issued. The department shall transfer the
17 moneys from the surcharge as provided in section 3 of this 2009 Act.

18 (3) Notwithstanding ORS 803.530, Pacific Wonderland registration plates may be trans-
19 ferred from vehicle to vehicle if the department stops issuing the plates, as long as the plates
20 are not so old, damaged, mutilated or otherwise rendered illegible as to be not useful for
21 purposes of identification.

22 (4) The department shall limit the total number of Pacific Wonderland registration plates
23 to 40,000 sets of plates.

24 (5) Notwithstanding ORS 805.202, until the department has issued 40,000 sets of plates
25 under this section, the department may issue four kinds of special registration plates at any
26 one time.

27 **SECTION 3.** (1) After deduction of the cost of administration of the Pacific Wonderland
28 registration plate program, the Department of Transportation shall transfer 50 percent of
29 the moneys from the surcharge imposed by section 2 of this 2009 Act to the Oregon State
30 Capitol Foundation and 50 percent to the Oregon Historical Society for the purpose of es-
31 tablishing and maintaining an Oregon History Center at the State Capitol or on the grounds
32 of the State Capitol State Park.

33 (2) As used in this section, the cost of administration of the Pacific Wonderland regis-
34 tration plate program is the sum of all department expenses for the issuance or transfer of
35 Pacific Wonderland registration plates under section 2 of this 2009 Act that are above the
36 normal costs of issuing, renewing and transferring registration plates in the normal course
37 of the business of the department. These expenses include, but are not limited to, the costs
38 of collecting the Pacific Wonderland registration plate surcharge and transferring Pacific
39 Wonderland registration plates.

40 **SECTION 4.** (1) Notwithstanding ORS 184.642, the Department of Transportation may pay
41 an amount up to \$150,000 from the Department of Transportation Operating Fund for ex-
42 penses incurred in initiating the Pacific Wonderland registration plate program established
43 in section 2 of this 2009 Act, including but not limited to registration plate design, computer
44 programming and production setup. Any portion of the amount paid that is not used for in-
45 itiating the Pacific Wonderland registration plate program shall be transferred to the ac-

1 count established under subsection (2) of this section.

2 (2) Notwithstanding section 3 of this 2009 Act, after deduction of the cost of adminis-
3 tration of the Pacific Wonderland registration plate program, the department shall transfer
4 the moneys from the surcharge imposed by section 2 of this 2009 Act to an account in the
5 Department of Transportation Operating Fund until sufficient funds have accumulated for
6 the purpose described in subsection (3) of this section.

7 (3) When the department determines that moneys in sufficient amount are available in
8 the account established under subsection (2) of this section, the department shall reimburse
9 the Department of Transportation Operating Fund, without interest, in an amount equal to
10 the amount paid from the Department of Transportation Operating Fund for the costs of
11 initiating the Pacific Wonderland registration plate program.

12 (4) Any moneys remaining in the account established under subsection (2) of this section
13 after deduction of the reimbursement required under subsection (3) of this section shall be
14 transferred to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation and the Oregon Historical Society for the
15 purpose of establishing and maintaining an Oregon History Center at the State Capitol. Of
16 the moneys transferred under this subsection, 50 percent shall be transferred to the Oregon
17 State Capitol Foundation and 50 percent shall be transferred to the Oregon Historical Soci-
18 ety.

19 **SECTION 5.** (1) The Department of Transportation shall use as a design for the plates
20 issued under section 2 of this 2009 Act a design similar to the Pacific Wonderland registra-
21 tion plate that was created as a result of section 2, chapter 15, Oregon Laws 1959, with re-
22 cognition of Oregon's 150th birthday.

23 (2) Except as otherwise required by the design specified in subsection (1) of this section,
24 Pacific Wonderland registration plates shall comply with the requirements of ORS 803.535.
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