

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Modifies definition of "commercial motor vehicle." Requires person holding commercial driver license to maintain proof of medical qualification on file with Department of Transportation. Provides that the Road User Task Force shall consider certain factors if it conducts an evaluation of any pilot program to implement alternatives to the current system of taxing highway use.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Fiscal Impact – see comments

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

Effective January 1, 2012 Federal regulations require states to establish and maintain a record of the self certification of driver status by holders of Commercial Driver Licenses (CDL). This includes driving status and medical certification. Failure to conform to these Federal regulations could jeopardize receipt of Federal highway funds. This bill revises Oregon law to conform to Federal regulations.

The fiscal impact of this bill relates to the work required to put systems and processes in place for the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to implement Federal regulations.

ODOT estimates the total cost of this project at \$888,179 in the 2011-13 biennium with ongoing costs totaling \$544,393. This includes changes to the DMV automated system and staffing required to collect and enter data, and respond to questions. ODOT has received \$613,600 in Federal grant funds for upgrading the information technology systems in the current biennium (2009-11). The costs associated with the workload of collecting and processing the data do not begin until the 2011-2013 biennium and are not included in the federal grant. The balance of the project will be funded within existing positions and a portion of Other Funds expenditure limitation in the agency's base budget. In order to absorb the additional workload, DMV will reprioritize existing work.

ODOT will require additional Other Funds expenditure limitation to implement this bill. As noted, a portion of this work is being completed within the existing resources of ODOT. The balance (\$350,890) is requested in Policy Option Package 230, which is included in the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB).

The bill also provides factors that the Road User Task Force shall include if the Task Force decides to evaluate any pilot program on alternative approaches to the current system of taxing highway use. ODOT estimates that up to two more Road User Task Force could be required to consider these factors, and there could be a cost of approximately \$7,250 for associated meeting costs.