

**76TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
SENATE FINANCE AND REVENUE COMMITTEE**

**MEASURE: HB 2179 A
CARRIER: Sen. Burdick**

**REVENUE: No Revenue Impact
FISCAL: Minimal Fiscal Impact, no statement issued**

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4-0-0
Yeas: Hass, Morse, Telfer, Burdick
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/09

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Allows for county motor vehicle registration fees to be used to pay off county bonds and debts.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The policy established by HB 2001 from the 2009 session.
- Prohibition of local registration fees.
- Registration fees before and after 2013.
- The safety and urgency of replacing the Sellwood Bridge.
- Discussion of language fixes verses policy fixes.
- Dedication of future revenues to transportation projects (constitutional).

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: No amendment in Senate Finance and Revenue.

BACKGROUND:

The measure allows county motor vehicle registration fees to be used to pay off the bonding and obligations from the Willamette river bridge in the city of Portland. The statutes created by HB2001 of the 2009 session did not give counties the explicit ability to use revenue from local registration fees to pay for bonds. The amendments in the house committee made the registration fees enacted for the purpose of financing the bridge dedicated for that purpose. However, fees enacted after 2013 are subject to the revenue distribution to cities and counties (50, 30, 20). It also allowed the bonding of the fee revenue after 2013. It also aligned the bonding language before and after 2013.