

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

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Meeting Dates: 4/26, 5/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to adopt statewide policy for implementation of tiered rate schedule for reimbursement of mileage expenses of persons using privately owned motor vehicle while conducting state business. Requires DAS to report findings on implementation of tiered rate schedule to Legislative Assembly. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential savings under tiered schedule
- Existing fleet capability to absorb increased demand
- Use of rental cars
- Reasons employees use personal vehicles
- Cost efficiency of fleet over reimbursement
- Determination of “available” publicly-owned vehicle

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) adopts administrative rules that determine the amount of reimbursement due to state employees when operating their personal vehicles on agency business (OAR 125-155, State Vehicle Use and Access). The current mileage reimbursement rate for drivers operating personal vehicles while on state business is \$.51 per mile traveled.

Senate Bill 556-A directs DAS to adopt a statewide policy to develop a tiered rate schedule. The measure specifies that the reimbursement rates are to be equivalent to those established by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) for use of privately owned vehicles while conducting government business. The current GSA mileage reimbursement rate for personal vehicles if a government-owned vehicle is available is \$.19 per mile.

In addition, Senate Bill 556-A directs DAS to report to the Legislative Assembly by January 2 of 2013, 2015, and 2017 on implementation of the tiered mileage reimbursement schedule.