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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Department of Administrative Services to adopt a statewide policy for implementation of a tiered reimbursement schedule for reimbursement by state agencies of mileage expenses of persons using privately owned motor vehicles while conducting state business. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential cost savings to state agencies
- Current state mileage reimbursement rates compared to United States General Services Administration
- Application to private aircraft

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces requirement that the Department adopt rules with requirement that the Department adopt a policy for implementation of a tiered mileage reimbursement rate schedule. Deletes required categories for reimbursement rates to be included in policy.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) adopts administrative rules that determine the amount of reimbursement due to state employees when operating their personal motor vehicles on agency business (OAR 125-155, State Vehicle Use and Access). To drive any motor vehicle on state business, a driver must be 18 years old or older, hold a driver license, qualify under administrative rule, and have permission from the driver's agency to drive. Agencies and drivers are responsible for verifying the qualifications of drivers.

Current mileage reimbursement rates for drivers operating personal vehicles while on state business is 51 cents per mile traveled. Senate Bill 556-A directs DAS to adopt a statewide policy to develop a tiered rate schedule for reimbursement of expenses when operating private vehicles on state business. The measure specifies that the reimbursement rates are to be equivalent to those established by the U.S. General Services Administration for use of privately owned vehicles while conducting government business.

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.

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