

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Transportation & Economic Development

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Ways and Means

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Environmental Quality Commission to prepare certain revisions to Oregon's State Implementation Plan under federal Clean Air Act. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED: To be filled in after the April 15 public hearing and possible work session.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: The -2 amendments require the Environmental Quality Commission to prepare revisions to Oregon's State Implementation Plan under the federal Clean Air Act by adopting criteria, methods and standards for inspecting motor vehicles for certification no later than July 1, 2014. Stipulates the Department of Environmental Quality shall report to the Legislative Assembly within 60 days after United States Environmental Protection Agency acts on the revisions.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires emissions testing for all vehicles in Oregon's four largest counties (Portland metro area and Medford area). Testing from the 2012 calendar year indicates that the overall failure rate of vehicles was 6.79%. During this time, 556,130 vehicles were tested. Of these vehicles, and based on the numbers provided by DEQ, vehicles with a model year of 2008 or newer fail at a rate of between 0 and 0.74%. Current law requires vehicles in the Portland and Medford areas to be tested every two years. House Bill 3443 will not require vehicles with model years 2008 or newer to be tested more than once every four years.