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TO: House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development

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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 612-A

INTRODUCTION

Senate Bill 612-A expands the Oregon Department of Transportation, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division's (DMV) authority to provide expedited title services. As amended the bill limits this to vehicle dealers and establishes a $100 fee for that service.

DISCUSSION

Current law allows DMV to expedite a title and registration process for the specific reason of odometer disclosure problems. In addition, DMV may expedite on a case-by-case basis. The bill would require DMV to produce a vehicle title in an expedited time frame when the transaction is submitted by a vehicle dealer, and based on criteria and processes established by rule. The bill also requires a fee of $100 for the expedited service, in addition to the base cost for a title transaction.

The expedited title transaction would need to be submitted to the DMV headquarters office, where all title processing occurs, to meet the currently projected five-day turn-around under this system. It is unknown how many vehicle dealers will take advantage of the new service.

The bill includes only title transactions, not registration. Therefore an expedited title would come without benefit of an expedited registration. Second, the Department recently determined that the cost to implement the bill is not eligible for Highway Funds, and the revenue generated beyond costs is not restricted to Highway Fund use.

SUMMARY

The bill authorizes the department to establish a new expedited title service for vehicle dealers, and to charge a fee for this service. It is unknown how many dealers will take advantage of the new service and the volume of transactions that would be removed from the standard run of titles and be put through the expedited process. The constitutional restrictions on Highway Funds apply to both the costs to implement the bill and revenues generated as a result of the bill.