

**SB 5545**

**Department of Transportation**

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Senate Bill 5545 is the fee bill for the Department of Transportation. The bill provides enabling legislation necessary to approve fees adopted by the Department during the 2011-13 biennium through Administrative Rule and subsequently approved by the Department of Administrative Services.

The Department increased fees for license plate manufacturing cost increases and the vehicle code book printing cost increases.

The Department established fees for digital signs in three different sizes, registration plate fees for the Keep Kids Safe license plates, and tollway civil penalties and the administrative expense to process the penalties.

The Department eliminated a \$5,000 private party initial review fee for tollway providers.

It reduced the fee for a single outdoor advertising sign.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 5545 be reported out do pass.

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Jenson  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Johnson

**Revenue:**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal statement issued

**Action:** Do Pass

**Vote:**

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** June 14, 2013

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Ratifies fee changes adopted by the Department of Transportation and approved by the Department of Administrative Services. Fees were modified for: plate manufacturing; outdoor advertising – one sign only; digital sign fees depending on size; registration plate fees for Keep Kids Safe; elimination of tollway initial review fee; civil Penalty for first offense; civil Penalty for subsequent offenses; administrative fee for billing; and vehicle Code Book.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- How fee modifications affect assumed revenue in the 2013-15 budget

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 291.055(1)(e) requires the Legislative Assembly to ratify fees an agency implements during the prior biennium without legislative approval. The fee revenue is anticipated in the budget and is described in the budget binders for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 5545 - Intro**

Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office

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Versions are Considered Official*

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Date: 05/31/2013

**Measure Description:**

Approves certain new or increased fees adopted by Department of Transportation.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

See Analysis.

**Local Government Mandate:**

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Analysis:** ORS 291.055(1)(e) requires all new state agency fees or fee increases adopted after July 1 of any odd-numbered year to be rescinded on July 1 unless authorized by enabling legislation setting forth the approved fees. This bill provides the enabling legislation necessary to approve fees adopted through Administrative Rule by the Oregon Department of Transportation during the 20011-13 Interim. Fees were adjusted for the following:

- Plate manufacturing,
- Outdoor advertising – one sign only,
- Digital sign fees depending on size,
- Registration plate fees for Keep Kids Safe,
- Elimination of tollway initial review fee,
- Civil Penalty for first offense,
- Civil Penalty for subsequent offenses,
- Administrative fee for billing and
- Vehicle Code Book.

These fee modifications are anticipated to create \$460,673 Other Funds revenue during the 2013-15 biennium. The 2013-15 budget assumes the continuation of the revenue from the fees included in this bill.