

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bentz, Cameron, Davis, Doherty, Gorsek, Lively, McKeown, Nathanson, Parrish, Read
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires 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. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to report to the Legislative Assembly within 60 days after United States Environmental Protection Agency acts on the revisions. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to periodically evaluate Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) processes and procedures
- Timing for changes to program
- Customer service issues
- Service hours and days
- Cost to vehicle owner in time and gas
- Costs and benefits of emissions testing
- DEQ's goal is to prevent failures rather than respond to failures
- Science-based testing protocols
- Program is preventative maintenance
- Need to connect with Oregon Department of Transportation's Office of Innovative Partnerships and Alternative Funding regarding road use charge

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: The adopted -2 amendments replace the original measure.

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 6.70 percent. During this time, of the 556,130 vehicles tested vehicles with a model year of 2008 or newer failed at a rate of between 0 and 0.74 percent. 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.