

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2453**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, after “ORS” insert  
2 “184.846.”.

3 On page 4, line 1, delete “in the con-”.

4 In line 2, delete “duct of these services” and insert “for reporting metered  
5 use by a subject vehicle or for administrative services related to the col-  
6 lection of per-mile road usage charges”.

7 On page 16, after line 5, insert:

8 **“SECTION 27a.** ORS 184.846 is amended to read:

9 “184.846. (1) The Department of Transportation may develop one or more  
10 pilot programs to test alternatives to the current system of taxing highway  
11 use through motor vehicle fuel taxes. Pilot programs may include, but need  
12 not be limited to, programs testing technology and methods for:

13 “(a) Identifying vehicles;

14 “(b) Collecting and reporting the number of miles traveled by a particular  
15 vehicle; and

16 “(c) Receiving payments from participants in pilot projects.

17 “(2) Technology and methods tested under subsection (1) of this section  
18 shall be tested for:

19 “(a) Reliability;

20 “(b) Ease of use;

21 “(c) Public acceptance;

22 “(d) Cost of implementation and administration; and

1 “(e) Potential for evasion of accurate reporting.

2 “(3) The department may solicit volunteers for participation in pilot pro-  
3 grams developed under this section. A participant must:

4 “(a) Report the participant’s use of the highway system in Oregon as re-  
5 quired by the program;

6 “(b) Pay the fee established for the program for use of the highway sys-  
7 tem; and

8 “(c) Display in the participant’s vehicle an emblem issued under sub-  
9 section (6) of this section.

10 “(4) The department shall establish a fee for each pilot program the de-  
11 partment undertakes. The fee shall be a highway use fee and shall be paid  
12 by each participant in the program. The program may be designed so that  
13 the fee is imposed in lieu of any tax on motor vehicle fuel imposed under  
14 ORS 319.020 or any tax on the use of fuel in a vehicle under ORS 319.530 that  
15 would otherwise be paid by the participant.

16 “(5) If a person who participates in a pilot program under this section  
17 pays the motor vehicle fuel tax under ORS 319.020, the department may re-  
18 fund the taxes paid.

19 “(6) The department shall issue an emblem for each vehicle that will be  
20 used by a participant as part of a pilot program under this section. A seller  
21 of fuel for use in a motor vehicle may not collect the tax that would other-  
22 wise be due under ORS 319.530 from a person operating a vehicle for which  
23 an emblem has been issued under this subsection.

24 “(7) If a person participating in a pilot program under this section ends  
25 the person’s participation in the program prior to termination of the pro-  
26 gram, the person shall pay to the department any amount of the highway use  
27 fee established for the program under subsection (4) of this section that the  
28 person has not yet paid. The person shall return to the department any  
29 emblem issued to the person under subsection (6) of this section.

30 “(8) The department may terminate a pilot program at any time and may

1 terminate participation by any particular person at any time. When a pro-  
2 gram is terminated or a person's participation is terminated by the depart-  
3 ment, the department shall collect any unpaid highway use fees established  
4 for the program under subsection (4) of this section.

5 “(9) The department may adopt any rules the department deems necessary  
6 for the implementation of this section, including but not limited to rules  
7 establishing methods of collecting highway use fees from program partic-  
8 ipants and rules establishing reporting requirements for participants.

9 “(10) The department may compensate participants in pilot programs es-  
10 tablished under this section.

11 “(11) In designing, implementing and evaluating pilot programs under this  
12 section, the department shall consider the recommendations of the task force  
13 created by ORS 184.843.

14 **“(12) The department may evaluate, and facilitate the development**  
15 **of, pilot programs under this section to be designed, implemented and**  
16 **evaluated by local governments.”.**

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