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SUBJECT: HB 4149, expedited title

INTRODUCTION

House Bill 4149 expands the Oregon Department of Transportation, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division's (DMV) authority to provide expedited title services. The bill limits this to vehicle dealers and establishes a \$100 fee for the 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 bill includes only title transactions, not registration.

DMV likely will require the transaction to be submitted to the DMV headquarters office, where all title processing occurs. This will speed up the process and make it possible to achieve a quick issuance, which DMV projects at five days. It is unknown how many vehicle dealers will take advantage of the new service. DMV's understanding is that the cost to implement the bill is not eligible for Highway Funds and correspondingly the revenue generated beyond costs is not restricted to Highway Fund use.

SUMMARY

The bill authorizes DMV to establish a new expedited title service for vehicle dealers, and to charge a specific fee for this service. It is unknown how many dealers will take advantage of this option. The constitutional restrictions on Highway Funds likely apply to both the costs to implement the bill and any revenues generated as a result of the bill.