
OREGON MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 2266

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Chair McKeown and members of the Transportation Committee:

The Oregon Vehicle Dealers Association represents nearly 600 independent business owners across the state of Oregon, making OVDA the largest auto dealer trade association in Oregon as far as we know. These dealers are primarily small businesses. On their behalf, OVDA monitors the Legislature and regulatory agencies with authority over motor vehicle dealers.

The weight-mile tax is a complicated, but necessary, task for ensuring commercial trucks are paying their fair share of the cost of maintaining our system of roads and bridges. This bill does not interfere with that delicate balance between passenger vehicles and commercial vehicles.

When a heavy truck, or tractor, is in the inventory of a motor vehicle dealer, it is not driven on public roads and highways for the purpose of hauling loads. It is driven for test drives, just like other, noncommercial, vehicles. However, dealers are required to track and pay the weight mile tax on vehicles not being used to haul loads for commercial purposes.

House Bill 2266 will simply exempt certified motor vehicle dealers from paying the weight mile tax on tractors in their inventory. This will cost the state of Oregon very little money while relieving dealers from a very expensive task when it comes to the time and effort to track the weight mile tax on their inventory.

Thank you for considering this small measure of support for dealerships who buy and sell heavy trucks. I am happy to answer any questions.

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