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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Permits Department of Transportation to issue vehicle registration plates from regular series for use on county-owned vehicle rather than plates from specially designed government series. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

(-1 amendment) Prohibits the use of one license plate (i.e. tree plate, \$86) for the cost of another plate (i.e. government plate, \$3).

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 948 would permit the Department of Transportation to issue regular series vehicle registration plates for use on county-owned vehicles rather than plates from specifically designed government series. To replace a plate, the county must apply to the department after which a plate may be issued if proper registration and fee are submitted.

Senate Bill 948 is important for the public safety of elected county officials. For example, in Umatilla County, many officials issued a county owned vehicle have license plates that distinguish them as such. In order to protect individuals from being followed, harassed, or otherwise sought out for inappropriate reasons, SB 948 would permit those individuals to have regular plates as to not set their vehicle apart from others.