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Meeting Dates: 4/1, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Organ Donor Registry and Public Awareness Fund in State Treasury as a separate and distinct from General Fund. Directs Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to accept donations of three dollars or more for the fund. Adds a check box to driver permit, license and ID card applications and renewals, as well as to online vehicle registration renewals. Requires ODOT to transfer the moneys in the fund, after deducting expenses for collecting and transferring, to the organ procurement organization that has established a donor registry in this state, for the purpose of conducting statewide outreach and public education related to anatomical gifts.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

(-5 amendment) Adds context statements regarding organ donations to measure. Requires ODOT to maintain, on its vehicle registration renewal website and online application form, a link to the website of the organ procurement organization that has established a donor registry in this state for the purpose of redirecting the person to a website that accepts donations into the fund. Declares operative date for department accepting donations as July 1, 2019.

BACKGROUND: Revenue earned from this voluntary check box would be used to significantly expand Donate Life Northwest's ability to reach and educate Oregonians about anatomical donation and the option to join the registry. Expenses incurred by the ODOT for the ongoing collection and transfer of these funds would be deducted from the fund prior to distribution. Initial implementation costs for the program would require an unidentified source of funding.

There are approximately 36 states that have opportunities for voluntary contributions supporting organ donations and transplant activities, including Washington, California, Montana and Utah. Average annual revenue from each of those 4 funds = \$331,000.