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**TO:** House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development  
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**SUBJECT:** SB 943

## INTRODUCTION

DMV administers a program that allows some public officials to use their work address on their DMV record. For those who work in a county that charges a local vehicle registration fee, but live outside that county, current law does not allow them an exception to paying the local fee. The bill would allow that exception.

## DISCUSSION

DMV administers the statutory program that allows law enforcement and many other public officials who come in routine contact with the public to use their work address in DMV records. DMV maintains only that work address and discards record of the home address.

A different law allows counties to assess a local vehicle registration fee for county residents in addition to the state's vehicle registration fee. Through an interagency agreement DMV collects the county's fee at the same time it collects the state fee. The county registration fee statute lists a few exemptions, such as vehicles registered to disabled veterans, and vehicles with farm registration.

A small number of law enforcement officers and other public officials live in one county, work in a different county, and for safety purposes use that employment address in their DMV records. There is no exemption from a county registration fee for this situation. Because there is no provision for it in law, DMV's intergovernmental agreement with the county also does not allow such an exemption.

The bill simply adds this situation to the statutory list of exemption from a county registration fee. Currently only Multnomah has the local vehicle registration fee. It is being considered in other counties. In the future if adjacent counties adopt a local fee the legislature or the counties themselves may want to revisit the administration of the exemption. In addition to the main object of the bill, it includes clean-up language in the area of vehicle registrations.

## SUMMARY

The bill adds a small exception to the county registration fee statute.