

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

MEASURE: SB 472 A

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date: 03/09/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. Refer To Finance And Revenue By Prior Reference (Printed A-Eng).

Meeting Dates: 03/09

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley

Exc: 1 - Thomsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases maximum number of Pacific Wonderland registration plate sets from 40,000 to 80,000. Allows moneys collected from Pacific Wonderland registration plates to be used for the general purposes of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Popularity of the license plates

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Permits moneys to be used for the general purposes of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation as opposed to just establishing and maintaining an Oregon History Center at the State Capitol or on the grounds of the State Park at the State Capitol.

BACKGROUND:

On February 14, 2009, the State of Oregon celebrated its 150th birthday. In recognition, the 2009 Oregon Legislative Assembly directed the Department of Transportation to recreate a limited edition of Oregon's historic Pacific Wonderland vehicle registration plate. The original plates were issued during the centennial year of 1959 and continued to 1964.

The new Pacific Wonderland registration plate is a limited-edition plate, with only 40,000 sets of plates being manufactured. There is a one-time surcharge of \$100 per set of plates paid at issuance, in addition to the \$24 plate fee and regular registration fee. There is no additional fee charged at the time of renewal besides the standard registration fee.

Senate Bill 472A expands the total number of Pacific Wonderland registration plate sets from 40,000 to 80,000. In addition, the measure specifies that proceeds of the surcharge will be divided in half between the Oregon State Capitol Foundation and the Oregon Historical Society.