

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Senate Committee On Business and Transportation****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued**Action Date:** 04/20/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.
(Printed A-Engrossed.)**Meeting Dates:** 04/01, 04/20**Vote:**

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Organ Donor Registry and Public Awareness Fund in State Treasury separate and distinct from General Fund. Provides context to registry, fund and organ donation. Directs Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to accept donations of three dollars or more for the Fund. Requires ODOT to provide and 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. Adds a check box to driver permit, license and identification 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 collection and transfer, 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. Declares operative date for department accepting donations of July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The societal benefits of, and personal stories regarding, organ donation
- Oregon Department of Transportation computer system upgrades
- The importance of extending the reach of organ donation, especially in rural Oregon
- Other states' organ donation programs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Adds context statements regarding organ donations to measure. Requires ODOT to provide and 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 the voluntary check box created by Senate Bill 751A will 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 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 four funds is \$331,000.