

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 05/06/15

**Action:** Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

**Meeting Dates:** 05/06

**Vote:**

Yeas: 4 - Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen

Exc: 1 - Beyer

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Permits person to provide proof of vehicle registration under certain circumstances in order to avoid the charge of illegal display of a vehicle registration plate or improper display of vehicle registration plate validating stickers. Directs the court to dismiss the charge if the person charged delivers proof of registration at the time the violation was committed.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- 2014 work group product
- Personal stories about vehicles registration plate stickers

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 803.550 specifies that a person commits the offense of illegal display of a registration plate if the person displays a plate with registration stickers that contain an expiration date that is different than the date shown upon the vehicle registration records filed with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The offense is classified as a Class B traffic violation. However, there are situations where an individual may have updated the vehicle's registration without having yet received the new registration stickers, such as when renewing the vehicle's registration online.

House Bill 2261A provides that if a person has renewed the vehicle registration but has not yet received the new validation stickers, they are not considered to be in violation of illegally displaying the registration plate or validation stickers. ODOT is directed to adopt rules regarding how a driver may provide proof of valid vehicle registration in such instances.