

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation and Economic Development

MEASURE: SB 472 A
CARRIER: Rep. Huffman

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date: 05/20/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/15, 05/20

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Davis, Gorsek, Hack, Lively, McKeown, McLain

Exc: 1 - Bentz

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases, from 40,000 sets to 80,000 sets, the number of Pacific Wonderland vehicle registration plates that may be issued. Deletes provision requiring revenues from Pacific Wonderland plate surcharge allocation to Oregon State Capitol Foundation. Requires moneys to be used for establishing and maintaining an Oregon History Center at the State Capitol or the Oregon State Capitol Park. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background on Pacific Wonderland plate program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Assembly reinstated the classic "Pacific Wonderland" vehicle registration plate with the passage of Senate Bill 961 (2009), in recognition of Oregon's 150th birthday. The original Pacific Wonderland plate was created for the state's centennial in 1959 and was issued through 1964. The new version of the plate was created as a limited-edition, restricted to 40,000 total sets of plates. Purchase of the plates requires payment of a one-time, \$100 surcharge paid at issuance; unlike most other non-standard plates, there is no additional fee at renewal for Pacific Wonderland plates. Revenues generated from the surcharge are currently split evenly between the Oregon Historical Society and the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, with the latter half dedicated to creating and maintaining an Oregon History Center at the State Capitol and for maintaining the State Capitol State Park.

Senate Bill 472-A increases the total number of sets of Pacific Wonderland plates from 40,000 to 80,000. In addition, the measure removes the restrictions on the Oregon State Capitol Foundation regarding how the funds may be used.