

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued**Action Date:** 05/20/15**Action:** Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Ways
And Means.**Meeting Dates:** 05/18, 05/20**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Barnhart, Gilliam, Hoyle, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Wilson

Prepared By: Erin Seiler, Committee Administrator**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Provides for creation of Portland Trail Blazers vehicle registration plate. Imposes surcharge of \$20 per year of registration and directs moneys from surcharge to Trail Blazers Foundation. Provides for creation of Breast Cancer Awareness vehicle registration plate. Imposes surcharge of \$20 per year of registration and directs the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to transfer net proceeds to Oregon Health Authority Fund. Specifies that neither plate may be created or issued until ODOT receives amount necessary to cover costs of initiating plate program. Repeals statutes limiting number of specialty license plates that may be issued by ODOT and directs Department to establish special registration program and provide for issuance of special registration plates to nonprofit groups. Specifies that if, once plate is issued, ODOT does not issue 2,000 sets in one year, that particular set will cease production. Prohibits creation of new group registration plates as of effective date of Act. Allows transfer of group plates and veteran plates from one vehicle to another under process provided under ORS 803.530. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure history
- Awareness that having license plates on cars can bring to issue or cause
- Change in process for issuance of specialty license plates
- Types and number of special license plates currently available

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Driver and Motor Vehicle (DMV) Services Division of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) issues vehicle registration plates required to legally operate a motor vehicle on Oregon roads. Oregon DMV provides several options for vehicle registration plates; the standard "tree plate" is issued to all vehicle owners unless they opt for one of several alternatives, each of which requires payment of an additional fee. Registration plates come in several categories, including "special registration plates" (such as Pacific Wonderland, Crater Lake and Wine Country plates), "non-profit group plates" (such as Keep Kids Safe, Share the Road and Lions Clubs of Oregon plates), "higher education plates" (Oregon State University, University of Oregon, University of Portland, and Willamette University) and "veteran and service-related plates," which includes Gold Star Family registration plates.

House Bill 2730-A eliminates the current limit on the number of special registration plates and replaces it with a new system with a directive to ODOT to create a program by which new special registration plates may be approved administratively for production and distribution. The measure also creates two new special vehicle registration plates: a Portland Trail Blazers

plate, which will raise revenue for the Trail Blazers Foundation; and a Breast Cancer Awareness plate, which will raise money for the Oregon Health Authority Fund.