

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

MEASURE: SB 948 A
CARRIER: Rep. Gorsek

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

Action Date: 06/01/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/18, 06/01

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Bentz, Davis, Gorsek, Hack, Lively, McKeown, McLain

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits the Department of Transportation to issue vehicle registration plates from the regular series for use on county-owned vehicles, as opposed to the plates from the specially-designed government series. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Examples of harassment of county officials
- Tree plates to be issued at regular cost

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 948-A permits the Department of Transportation to issue regular series vehicle registration plates for use on county-owned vehicles rather than plates from specifically designed government series. To replace a plate, the county must apply to the Department, after which a plate may be issued if the proper registration and fee are submitted.

Senate Bill 948-A addresses the public safety of elected county officials. For example, in Umatilla County, many officials are issued a county-owned vehicle that has license plates that distinguish them as such. In order to protect individuals from being followed, harassed, or otherwise sought out for inappropriate reasons, SB 948-A permits those individuals to have regular plates, so as to not set their vehicle apart from others.