

April 11, 2017

Dear Chair Paul Holvey and other committee members,

I write to show support for, and explain, the -1 amendment to House Bill 2975. HB 2975-1 makes no functional changes to HB 2975. All testimony in favor of HB 2975 applies to HB 2975-1 as well.

The intent of HB 2975 as introduced was to add to the existing remedies under ORS 822.030. Specifically, HB 2975 was intended to provide access to attorney fees for claims under ORS 822.030 and to provide statutory damages for vehicle code violations by dealers. As drafted, HB 2975 could be erroneously interpreted as limiting retail claimants to \$500 in damages for claims under ORS 822.030. HB 2975-1 more clearly shows the intent to supplement, rather than replace, existing remedies and seeks to prevent needless litigation that could have arisen from the original bill. Thank you.

Respectfully,


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