

Testimony in Support of HB2463
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Good morning Chair McKeown and Members of the Committee, my name is Pam Leavitt and I represent the Northwest Credit Union Association. Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives, organized to meet the needs of their members. They are democratically owned and controlled institutions, based on the “people helping people” principle. With more than 2 million members, Oregon credit unions strive to preserve a legislative climate that recognizes their unique structure and mission.

Oregon credit unions maintain a strong process of discussing a variety of legislative and regulatory issues to help them better serve credit union members. One issue that kept coming up was the process for submitting documentation to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to change ownership and lien information on vehicle title certificates. Because this is a key part of the process for completing a car loans, our members asked that we begin discussions with DMV on the issue of electronic titling along with electronic signatures.

As the auto lending process becomes more streamlined through use of technology, the process for perfecting a security interest and transferring ownership on a title certificate has not kept pace. Permitting the use of digital signatures and electronic documents, subject to reasonable and appropriate safeguards, will save the state time and expense and will reduce the amount of time and effort required of borrowers and lenders to ensure that a new title certificate with the appropriate information.

This issue costs the state unnecessary time and expense, causes financial institutions and auto dealers economic harm, and buyers and sellers of vehicles unnecessary frustration that could easily be eliminated.

HB2463 would permit ODOT to allow credit unions to participate in DMV’s Electronic Vehicle Registration Program. We believe that the HB2463 is the type of common sense legislation and its passage creates efficiencies for all interested parties. We will continue to work with DMV as they look to upgrade their systems and improve efficiencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.