

HB 2922 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Carrier: Sen. Thomsen

Action Date: 05/01/17
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Girod, Riley, Thomsen
Exc: 1 - Monroe
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: Revenue impact issued
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases the surcharge collected for issuance of Crater Lake National Park registration plates from \$10 per plate to \$15 per plate.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Use of revenues generated by plate surcharge
- Projected increase in revenue from higher surcharge

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is responsible for issuing and maintaining registration for motor vehicles that operate on public roads in Oregon. The base rate for vehicle registration, for the standard "tree plate," is \$43/year; new vehicles have an initial registration of four years (\$172), with each subsequent registration being \$86 for two years. Motorists have the option of several different plate designs, most of which come with an additional charge. Some of these are assessed one time, such as the \$100 fee for the Pacific Wonderland plate, while others are assessed at each registration renewal, such as the \$30 assessed for Cultural Trust plates.

The Crater Lake plate was established when the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 821 (2001), commemorating the 100th anniversary of Crater Lake National Park. Proceeds from the sale of the registration plates are transferred to the Oregon Community Foundation; the Foundation's endowment is now valued at over \$4 million, allowing interest accruing from the endowment for educational and special projects at Crater Lake National Park. Vehicle owners wishing to use the Crater Lake plate pay a one-time fee of \$10 per plate. To date, ODOT reports that over 340,000 sets of the Crater Lake registration plate have been sold,

House Bill 2922 increases the per-plate fee to \$15.