

HB 4062 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

Carrier: Rep. Meek

Action Date: 02/07/18

Action: Do pass with amendments and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Bonham, McLain, Meek, Noble, Salinas, Vial, Wilson, Witt

Exc: 1 - Evans

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies certain fees for documents and services provided by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Reorganizes statutes related to motor vehicle titling and registration, driving privileges, and vehicle business certificates.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Results of cost study performed by Department
- Fees modified both for consistency and for cost capture
- Whether measure should be reviewed by Joint Committee on Ways and Means

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Corrects reference to statute to be repealed in section 25, replacing ORS 807.735 (ombudsman requirement) with ORS 807.375 (fee for collection of biometric data).

BACKGROUND:

The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is the state agency tasked with issuing licenses and permits for the operation of motor vehicles on public roads, and with titling and registering motor vehicles. More than three million Oregonians are licensed to operate vehicles in Oregon, and about 177,000 new driver licenses are issued and 335,000 licenses renewed each year.

The fees assessed by DMV for the services the agency provides are set in statute, and were originally set to cover the cost of service, with vehicle title and registration fees also set to produce additional revenue for the State Highway Fund. However, as the cost of providing these services has increased, revenue that would otherwise be deposited into the State Highway Fund has instead been used to cover the difference between the statutory fee and the actual cost of providing the service.

DMV conducted an extensive study of its costs and fees in 2013, which identified several fees that would need to be raised in order to ensure that the statutory fee covers the cost of service. Some of these were addressed with the passage of House Bill 2017 (2017). House Bill 4062-A adjusts the statutory fees for various DMV products and services, and streamlines related statutes. The measure also requires the Department to report biennially on DMV costs and fees.