

**HB 4062 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****Carrier:** Sen. Beyer**Joint Committee On Transportation****Action Date:** 02/26/18**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)**Senate Vote****Yeas:** 3 - Beyer, Johnson, Monroe**Nays:** 2 - Boquist, Girod**House Vote****Yeas:** 4 - Lively, McKeown, McLain, Vial**Exc:** 1 - Olson**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued**Prepared By:** Patrick Brennan, LPRO Analyst**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies fees for certain 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. Specifies that in instances where vehicle registration plates are transferred between vehicles owned by different individuals the remaining registration period on the plates ceases for both vehicles. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Rising incidences of theft of vehicle registration plates
- Rationale for increasing fees

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Reduces several fees by \$1. Deletes requirement for Department to study cost of products and services and report biennially on that study. Modifies statutes related to transfer of vehicle registration plates to another vehicle. Specifies that in cases where registration plates are transferred to a vehicle owned by a different person the remaining registration period ceases for both vehicles. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is the state agency tasked with issuing licenses and permits for the lawful operation of motor vehicles on public roads, and with titling and registering motor vehicles. More than three million Oregonians are licensed to operate vehicles, and about 177,000 new driver licenses are issued and 335,000 licenses are 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 the service, with vehicle title and registration fees 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 and 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-B adjusts the statutory fees for various DMV products and services, and streamlines related statutes.