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TO: Joint Committee on Transportation

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SUBJECT: HB 4061 – Increase in Surcharge for Cultural Registration Plates

INTRODUCTION

House Bill 4061 increases the surcharge for cultural registration plates issued by DMV under ORS 805.260, from \$15 to \$25, beginning January 1, 2021.

DISCUSSION

HB 4061 increases the surcharge for cultural registration plates from \$15 to \$25 for original issuance, and at each registration renewal. Funds generated from the sale of these plates are deposited in the Trust for Cultural Development Account established in ORS 359.405, and are appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department for the Arts Program established in ORS 359.400 to 359.444. DMV will program its IT system to begin charging the increased fee January 1, 2021.

The sale of these plates in past biennia have yielded approximately \$769,000 in 2013-15; \$794,000 in 2015-17; and \$782,000 in 2017-19. ODOT projects a net revenue increase of approximately \$136,000 for the remainder of the 2019-21 biennium; \$217,000 in 2021-23; and \$219,000 in 2023-25.

SUMMARY

HB 4061 increases the surcharge for cultural registration plates from \$15 to \$25, and continues to deposit those funds into the Trust for Cultural Development Account.