

HB 2506 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Organ Donor Registry and Public Awareness Fund. Directs the Oregon Department of Transportation to accept donations to the Fund. Becomes operative January 2, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Modifies whereas clauses. Decreases minimum donation to \$2. Clarifies applicability only for transactions not related to commercial vehicle registration. Changes operative date to January 1, 2022. Authorizes Department of Transportation to take actions as necessary prior to operative date. Makes measure effective on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3092 (2007) provided for the establishment of an organ donor registry in Oregon in order to better facilitate and coordinate efforts to match organ donors with potential recipients. That measure specified that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) would work. Individuals age 15 or older can register to become organ donors by registering through ODOT's Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV), which coordinates with the state's donor registry maintained by Donate Life Northwest. Over 2.5 million Oregonians are registered as organ, eye, and tissue donors. Participants are provided with a driver license or identification card that includes a "D" notation, indicating their donor status.

House Bill 2506 establishes the Organ Donor Registry and Public Awareness Fund, and directs ODOT to accept donations of \$3 or more for deposit into the Fund. Proceeds are to be transferred to the organization operating the state's donor registry to provide outreach and public awareness campaigns for organ donation. ODOT is required to notify persons applying for or renewing driver a driver permit or license or an identification card or registering or renewing registration on a vehicle of the donation program.