House Bill 2506

Sponsored by Representative FAHEY (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Organ Donor Registry and Public Awareness Fund.

Whereas organ, eye and tissue donation in Oregon has saved hundreds of lives and given sight, mobility and a better quality of life to thousands more; and

Whereas the State of Oregon, through the Department of Transportation, has a decades-long relationship with designated organ procurement organizations, in which the department invites customers to join the anatomical donor registry and have a "D" placed on their driver license or identification card; and

Whereas nearly 2.3 million Oregonians are part of the anatomical donor registry, 98 percent of whom joined the registry through contact with the department; and

Whereas further outreach to and education of Oregonians will lead to even greater participation in the donor registry, resulting in more lives saved, sight given and lives improved; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Anatomical gift" has the meaning given that term in ORS 97.953.
- (b) "Donor registry" has the meaning given that term in ORS 97.953.
- (c) "Organ procurement organization" has the meaning given that term in ORS 97.953.
- (2) The Organ Donor Registry and Public Awareness Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Transportation as provided in this section.
- (3) The fund shall consist of any moneys directed to the fund by law, gift, grant or donation.
- (4) The department shall transfer the moneys in the fund to the organ procurement organization that has established a donor registry in this state, for the purpose of conducting statewide outreach and public education related to anatomical gifts.
- SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Transportation shall accept donations of \$3 or more for the Organ Donor Registry and Public Awareness Fund established under section 1 of this 2021 Act.
 - (2) The department shall notify applicants of the option to donate whenever a person:
 - (a) Applies for a driver permit, driver license or identification card;
 - (b) Renews a driver permit, driver license or identification card; or

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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1 (c) Registers or renews a vehicle registration.

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(3) After deducting the expenses for collecting and transferring a donation under this section, the department shall transfer the moneys to the fund.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2021 Act becomes operative on January 2, 2023.
