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The Northwest Automotive Trades Association (NATA) represents more than 450 business members across Oregon. NATA members include collision and mechanical repairs shops, dismantlers, and auto parts manufacturers and distributors.

Many members of NATA are directly or indirectly regulated by the Business Regulation Office of DMV. All of our members interact with DMV certified businesses and have an interest in supporting a well-regulated, level playing field. We believe the staff at the DMV Business Regulation Office does a great job.

House Bill 3324 proposes an Oregon Vehicle Industry Board. It would have the same goals as the DMV Business Regulation Office, but the form of the regulatory structure would change to one managed by a Board of Industry professionals. While NATA has not yet concluded that such a move is needed or warranted, we do believe the only way to reach a conclusion on which process best serves the impacted industries is to have an open and wide-ranging conversation about the pros and cons of each governing model.

Should an interim discussion occur on this topic, NATA will be at the table and eagerly represent our members. If you have any questions, please let me know.