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# OREGON MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 2819

*(Amendment needed)*

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Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Vehicle Dealer Association (OVDA) represents more than 500 independent business owners across the state of Oregon, making OVDA, by far, the largest auto dealers trade association in Oregon. These dealers are primarily small businesses. The Oregon RV Dealers Association represents Oregon's franchised dealers of RV trailers and self-propelled RVs.

House Bill 2819 makes two distinct changes to Oregon law. The two changes are unrelated, except that both impact the use of DMV "trip permits" and both were able to fall under the same relating clause. Section 3 requires an amendment to achieve the intended goal without unanticipated consequences. Each change is explained below:

## **Section 1 & 2 / Streamlining unnecessary DMV paperwork and reducing costs**

*Temporary Registration:* When an Oregon resident purchases a vehicle from a dealer, the dealer issues a temporary registration (valid for 90 days). Then, the paperwork is submitted to DMV and the permanent registration documents, plates and stickers are mailed to the customer.

*Trip Permit:* When an out-of-state resident purchases a vehicle from an Oregon dealer, they need a legal means to drive an unregistered vehicle on public roads while returning to their home state to title and register their new vehicle.

*Is it a DMV Two-Step, or a DEQ Do-Si-Do?* Under current law, when an Oregon resident who lives in a DEQ vehicle emissions zone purchases a vehicle that does not have a current DEQ compliance certification, one must be obtained before the dealer can issue a temporary registration. As a result, the dealer (step one) must issue – and the customer must pay for -- a trip permit so they can drive to a DEQ test station and obtain a certification, then return with it to the dealership. Then, (step two) the dealer will issue – and the customer must pay for – the temporary registration on their newly purchased vehicle. Oregon residents must purchase (and dealers and DMV must process and track) **both** a trip permit **and** a temporary registration.

Section 1 & 2 of HB2819 will permit a dealer to issue a temporary registration to an Oregon resident who needs to obtain a DEQ emissions certificate. DMV will continue to be prohibited by statute from issuing the permanent registration, plates, and stickers until DMV receives the DEQ compliance certification. So, the only difference is that Section 1 & 2 turns a two-step process into a one-step process. This saves the customer money and time, and it saves both DMV and dealers valuable staff time by reducing an unnecessary step. It's just that simple.

### **Section 3 / Let out-of-state RV purchasers spend their money in Oregon**

*This section will need an amendment to accomplish the goal intended without unanticipated consequences.*

As previously discussed, a trip permit allows an out-of-state purchaser to legally drive on public roads even though their vehicle is not registered in any state. Most motor vehicles may receive up to two 21-day trip permits for a total of 42 days.

However, current law restricts RVs from receiving more than a single 10-day trip permit. This restriction was designed to prevent Oregon RV purchasers from avoiding registering their RV in Oregon, preferring to only purchase the less expensive trip permits whenever they desire to use their RV. However, this 10-day trip permit restriction has the unanticipated consequence of forcing out-of-state RV purchasers to leave the state immediately after making a purchase. Anecdotal information from RV dealers suggests that many out-of-state purchasers would prefer to stay in Oregon after their purchase and recreate in Oregon (read: spend money) before heading home. But Oregon law forces them to leave quickly (along with their disposable dollars).

With an amendment, Section 3 will distinguish between in-state and out-of-state RV purchasers. In-state purchasers will only qualify for the current 10-day trip permit. However, out-of-state RV purchasers will be able to purchase up to three consecutive 10-day trip permits if they desire to vacation in Oregon before returning to their home state. *OVDA and ORVDA are in active and cooperative discussions with DMV on a solution.*

*Oregon vehicle dealers and RV dealers across the state urge you to support House Bill 2819 once an amendment is ready for consideration.* I will gladly answer any questions. Please call or email me at your convenience. Thank you.