

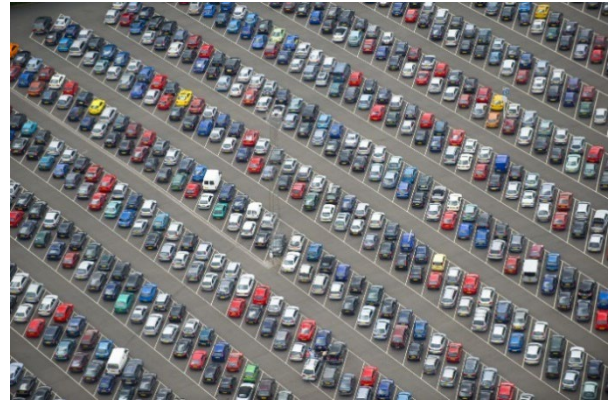


HB3550 State Fleet Statute Updates

Removing conflicting language and aligning with federal definitions

Facilities language into facilities statute

Current: ORS 283.327 (4) states “To the maximum extent economically possible, state-owned structures shall use biofuel, or direct-application electricity generated from biofuel, where diesel is currently utilized for stationary or back-up generation”. This section has no relation to state vehicle management and would be better placed in an ORS relating to public facilities.



Proposed: (Section 1.) Amend ORS 283.327 (4) into ORS 276.212 to direct DAS to use biofuel options whenever feasible, including for facilities management.

Definition of light duty vehicles

Current: ORS 283.327 (5)(a) defines a light duty vehicle as having a “gross vehicle rating of 8,000 pounds”. The federal Energy Policy Act of 1992 defines a light duty vehicle as a vehicle with a “gross vehicle weight rating” of 8,500 pounds. Aligning Oregon statute with the federal definition will provide clarity and consistency for agencies and prevent duplicative work that arises from creating different data sets for reporting.

Proposed: (Section 2 & 3) Amend ORS 283.327 (5)(a) to clarify that a light duty vehicle is a vehicle with a “gross vehicle *weight* rating” of 8,500 pounds.

Moving Oregon toward Zero Emission Vehicles

Current: HB 2027 (2021) amended Oregon’s goal for purchasing zero emission vehicles from 25% by 2025 to 100% by 2025 wherever feasible. Current ORS includes the new section stating the goal that 100% of purchases will be zero emission vehicles wherever feasible by January 1, 2025, yet still contains the section stating the 25% by 2025 goal. Lastly, ORS 283.327 includes exclusion language for certain kinds of trucks. This has led to confusion when interpreting the statute.

Proposed: (Section 2 & 3) Remove conflicting language in ORS 283.327 to clarify the goal for purchase of zero emission vehicles. In addition, removal of the exclusion for police vehicles, fire vehicles, and other certain truck configurations to make it clear the goal is to seek the lowest carbon impact vehicles wherever feasible.

Removing outdated language

Current: ORS 283.337 (3) states “For purposes of the report, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles are not vehicles that are capable of using alternative fuel.”

Proposed: (Section 4.) Remove ORS 283.337 (3) to align with current federal definitions for alternative fuel vehicles and Oregon definitions for Zero Emission Vehicles.

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