

HB 3186 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 05/20/25

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 7 - Boshart Davis, Evans, Gamba, Helfrich, Mannix, McLain, Nathanson

Senate Vote

Yeas: 5 - Gorsek, Meek, Pham, Starr, Weber

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/6, 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the State Board of Towing as an independent agency, separate from the Oregon Department of Transportation where it is currently housed. It adjusts the qualifications of its insurance industry representative and law enforcement representative. It also directs the Board, upon its request, to enter into an interagency agreement under which the Oregon Department of Transportation may provide specified central business operating services. It authorizes the Department to charge the Board a fee for services. The measure also changes the statutory name of the Board to the Oregon State Board of Towing, and the name of its account to the Oregon State Board of Towing Account.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Housekeeping measure
- Board of Towing was intended to be an independent entity

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment replaces the original measure but likewise establishes the Oregon State Board of Towing as an independent Board, while also making adjustments to the qualifications of two of its nine members: the insurance industry representative is to specialize in property and casualty insurance as it affects the towing industry; and the position for chief of police or county sheriff is open to any sworn law enforcement officer of any city, county, tribal, or other local law enforcement agency with knowledge and experience in local law enforcement towing programs. It continuously appropriates moneys in the Oregon State Board of Towing Account to the Board, rather than the Department of Transportation. The amendment changes all statutory references to the State Board of Towing to the Oregon State Board of Towing. The amendment also directs the Board, upon its request, to enter into an interagency agreement under which the Oregon Department of Transportation may provide specified central business operating services. It authorizes the Department to charge the Board a fee for services. It also changes the name of its State Board of Towing Account to the Oregon State Board of Towing Account.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 300 (2021) established the State Board of Towing within the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). For many years, ODOT's Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) had served as the regulatory authority for towers and towing companies in Oregon. The Board is comprised of nine members representing the towing industry, insurance industry, law enforcement and consumer advocates.

House Bill 3186 A makes several minor changes to the Board's membership, nomenclature, and service and supply relationship with the Oregon Department of Transportation.