

**B-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 1544**

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**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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest: The Act changes laws about dismantlers. The Act alters a defined term used in laws about funding public transit. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.0).**

*[Digest: The Act tells ODOT to report on its progress with current requirements. The Act tells ODOT to create a database like WDOT has and create a transportation university like other states have. The Act tells the director of ODOT to use the central office for project delivery work instead of the regional offices. The Act ends the JCT. The Act changes laws about dismantlers. The Act says certain entities may get funds to provide public transportation services. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.8).]*

*[Directs the Department of Transportation to report on a required audit, progress in implementing design practices, establishing a transportation university and the creation of a database equivalent to one created by the State of Washington.]*

*[Directs the Director of Transportation to centralize project delivery efforts.]*

*[Eliminates the Joint Committee on Transportation.]*

Makes changes to laws regulating dismantlers.

Expands the definition of "qualified entity" for purposes of public transportation funding.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to transportation; creating new provisions; amending ORS 184.752, 822.125 and 822.140; and  
3 prescribing an effective date.

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

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6 **DISMANTLERS**

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8 **SECTION 1.** ORS 822.140 is amended to read:

9 822.140. (1) To meet the requirement for local government approval of a dismantler certificate  
10 under ORS 822.110 or a supplemental certificate under ORS 822.125, an applicant must comply with  
11 any regulations established by a city or county under this section and must obtain the approval of  
12 the governing body of the:

13 (a) City, if the business is or will be carried on within an incorporated city of less than 100,000  
14 population.

15 (b) County, if the business is or will be carried on outside of any incorporated city.

16 (2) A city or county governing body shall grant approval of a dismantler certificate [*or*  
17 *renewal*] **or a supplemental certificate** when requested under this section if the governing body:

18 (a) Approves the applicant as being suitable to establish, maintain or operate a motor vehicle  
19 dismantling business;

**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.

1 (b) Determines that the location or proposed location meets the requirements for location under  
2 ORS 822.110;

3 (c) Determines that the location does not violate any prohibition under ORS 822.135; and

4 (d) Approves the location and determines that the location complies with any regulations  
5 adopted by a city or county under this section.

6 (3) The governing body of a city or county may regulate the expansion of premises or the es-  
7 tablishment of premises at a new location under a dismantler certificate. An applicant must comply  
8 with the regulations before the Department of Transportation may issue a supplemental dismantler  
9 certificate. In adopting regulations under this subsection, a governing body:

10 (a) Shall consider the extent of development of surrounding property as a residential area;

11 (b) Shall consider the proximity of churches, schools, hospitals, public buildings or other places  
12 of public gathering;

13 (c) Shall consider the sufficiency in number of other motor vehicle dismantling businesses in the  
14 vicinity;

15 (d) Shall consider the health, safety and general welfare of the public;

16 (e) May establish zones in which motor vehicle dismantling businesses are permissible and other  
17 zones where they are prohibited; and

18 (f) May prescribe limitations on the dimensions of the premises on which motor vehicle dis-  
19 mantling businesses are conducted.

20 (4) Regulations of a city governing body that are adopted under this section apply to motor ve-  
21 hicle dismantling businesses located outside of and within six miles of the boundaries of the city  
22 unless the county governing body in which the area is located has adopted regulations under this  
23 section that are applicable in the area.

24 (5) Before granting approval for a supplemental dismantler certificate, the governing body of a  
25 city or county shall notify all property owners that are or that will be adjacent to the motor vehicle  
26 dismantling business once the business moves, expands or opens an additional place of business.

27 **SECTION 2.** ORS 822.125 is amended to read:

28 822.125. (1) The holder of a current, valid dismantler certificate issued under ORS 822.110 is not  
29 subject to the prohibitions and penalties under ORS 822.100 as long as the holder's motor vehicle  
30 dismantling business is conducted in the location approved under the certificate.

31 (2) The holder of a dismantler certificate may expand the dimensions or move a place of business  
32 approved under the dismantler certificate or open an additional place of business under the certif-  
33 icate upon issuance of a supplemental dismantler certificate by the Department of Transportation.  
34 The following apply to supplemental certificates issued under this subsection:

35 (a) The department shall grant a supplemental certificate upon request of an applicant under  
36 this subsection if the applicant obtains local government permission for the supplemental certificate  
37 under ORS 822.140.

38 *[(b) Upon application for renewal of the supplemental certificate, the department may waive the*  
39 *requirement that an applicant for renewal under this subsection obtain local government approval un-*  
40 *der ORS 822.140 of the suitability of the applicant to establish, maintain or operate a motor vehicle*  
41 *dismantling business.]*

42 *[(c)]* (b) A fee shall be charged for a supplemental dismantler certificate under ORS 822.700.

43 (3) A dismantler certificate is valid for a two-year period and may be renewed as provided by  
44 the department. The department shall only renew the certificate of any certificate holder who does  
45 all of the following:

1 (a) Pays the required fee for renewal under ORS 822.700.

2 (b) Completes the application described in ORS 822.115.

3 [(c) *Obtains local government approval under ORS 822.140. The department may waive the re-*  
4 *quirement that an applicant for renewal obtain local government approval under ORS 822.140 of the*  
5 *suitability of the applicant to establish, maintain or operate a motor vehicle dismantling business.*]

6 [(d)] (c) Maintains a current bond that meets the requirements under ORS 822.120.

7 (4) The department may provide the holder of a dismantler certificate with identification cards  
8 in the names of the owners of the business or in the names of authorized employees of the business.

9 (5) The department may adopt suitable rules for the issuance and renewal of dismantler certifi-  
10 cates and identification cards.

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12 **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

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14 **SECTION 3.** ORS 184.752 is amended to read:

15 184.752. As used in ORS 184.752 to 184.766:

16 (1) "Public transportation service provider" includes a qualified entity and a city, county, special  
17 district, intergovernmental entity or any other political subdivision or municipal or public corpo-  
18 ration that provides public transportation services and is not otherwise described in subsection (2)  
19 of this section.

20 (2) "Qualified entity" means the following:

21 (a)(A) Counties in which no part of a mass transit district or transportation district exists; **or**

22 **(B) Intergovernmental entities who are providing public transportation services on behalf**  
23 **of a county;**

24 (b) Mass transit districts organized under ORS 267.010 to 267.394;

25 (c) Transportation districts organized under ORS 267.510 to 267.650; and

26 (d)(A) Federally recognized Indian tribes; **or**

27 **(B) Intergovernmental entities who are providing public transportation services on behalf**  
28 **of a tribe.**

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30 **CAPTIONS**

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32 **SECTION 4.** The unit captions used in this 2026 Act are provided only for the convenience  
33 of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any leg-  
34 islative intent in the enactment of this 2026 Act.

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36 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

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38 **SECTION 5.** This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2026  
39 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.