
Auto dismantlers urge support of the -16 amendment to HB4007 and the -4 amendment to SB1544 (exact same language).

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The Good Ole Days

In days gone by, auto dismantlers held a three-year certification. It required a DMV inspection once every three years and a \$10,000 bond. And it required the dismantler to apply for local government zoning approval when applying for renewals.

The big fire

On March 18, 2018, there was a large fire at an auto dismantler. It was in Portland... In the district of then-Speaker Tina Kotek. She understandably took a deep dive into dismantler oversight.

The result

With legislation (SB792 in 2019) resulting from the fire, auto dismantlers were required to hold a one-year certificate, undergo an annual DMV site inspection, and post a \$100,000 bond (that hurt) and an annual application for zoning approval — which can be time-consuming and expensive.

In the 2025 session, legislation passed to give DMV the authority to suspend or revoke a certificate anytime DMV is notified of a zoning change. And the certification went from one year to two years.

The Amendment

The -16 to HB4007 and the -4 to SB1544 remove the requirement for a dismantler to obtain local zoning approval every time they renew their certification. Instead, during DMV's annual inspection, the investigator will independently verify zoning. So, dismantlers will still have an annual verification of zoning approval, but without the cost or paperwork.

The amendment has been vetted by DMV and DEQ through the Governor's Office. There is no opposition.

Same oversight.

Less bureaucracy.

Good Government.

I am happy to answer any questions.