SENATE AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2569

By COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 On <u>page 1</u> of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, after the semicolon insert "creating new pro-2 visions; amending ORS 805.205;".

3 On page 2, after line 4, insert:

4 "SECTION 3. ORS 805.205 is amended to read:

5 "805.205. (1) The Department of Transportation shall provide for issuance of registration plates 6 described in subsections (3) and (7) of this section for nonprofit groups meeting the qualifications for 7 tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and for institutions of higher 8 education. Plates issued under this section may be issued to owners of motor vehicles registered 9 under the provisions of ORS 803.420 (1). Plates issued under this section may not contain expressions 10 of political opinion or religious belief. Rules adopted under this section shall include, but need not 11 be limited to, rules that:

"(a) Describe general qualifications to be met by any group in order to be eligible for plates issued under this section.

14 "(b) Specify circumstances under which the department may cease to issue plates for any par-15 ticular group.

"(c) Require each group for which plates are issued to file an annual statement on a form designed by the department showing that the group is a nonprofit group or **is** an institution of higher education and **that the group or institution** otherwise meets the qualifications imposed for eligibility for plates issued under this section. The statement shall include names and addresses of current directors or officers of the group **or institution** or of other persons authorized to speak for the group or institution on matters affecting plates issued under this section.

"(2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection, in addition to any other fee authorized by law, upon issuance of a plate under this section and upon renewal of registration for a vehicle that has plates issued under this section, the department shall collect a surcharge [of \$2.50 per plate] for each year of the registration period. The surcharge shall be determined by the department by rule and may not be less than \$2.50 per plate and not more than \$16 per plate. In setting the amount of the surcharge, the department shall consult with the nonprofit group for which the plates are issued.

29 "(b) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, upon issuance of a plate under this section 30 that recognizes an institution of higher education in this state, and upon renewal of registration for 31 a vehicle that has such plates, the department shall collect a surcharge of \$8 per plate for each year 32 of the registration period.

"(c) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, upon issuance of a Share the Road registration plate, as described in subsection (7) of this section, the department shall collect a surcharge of \$5 per year of registration. 1 "(3) Plates issued under this section shall be from the current regular issue of plates except 2 that:

"(a) If the group requesting the plates is an institution of higher education, the plates shall, upon request, contain words that indicate the plates are issued to recognize the institution or shall contain the institution's logo or an image of the institution's mascot; or

6 "(b) If the group requesting the plates is a group that recognizes fallen public safety of 7 ficers, the plates shall, upon request, contain a decal that indicates the plates are issued to 8 recognize fallen public safety officers.

9 "(4) Except as otherwise required by the design chosen, the plates shall comply with the re-10 quirements of ORS 803.535. The department shall determine how many sets of plates shall be man-11 ufactured for each group approved under this section. If the department does not sell or issue 12 renewal for 500 sets of plates for a particular group in any one year, the department shall cease 13 production of those plates.

"(5) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6) of this section, each group that is found by 14 15 the department to be eligible for plates issued under this section may designate an account into 16 which the net proceeds of the surcharge collected by the department under subsection (2) of this 17section are to be deposited. The department shall keep accurate records of the number of plates is-18 sued for each group that qualifies. After payment of administrative expenses of the department, 19 moneys collected under this section for each group shall be deposited by the department into an 20account specified by that group. If any group does not specify an account for the moneys collected 21from the sale of plates issued under this section, the department shall deposit moneys collected for 22those plates into the Passenger Rail Transportation Account established under ORS 802.100 to be 23used as other moneys in the account are used. Deposits under this subsection shall be made at least 24 quarterly.

25 "(6)(a) Each institution of higher education that requests a plate under this section shall desig-26 nate an account in the general fund of the institution, and the proceeds in the account shall be used 27 for the purpose of academic enrichment at the institution.

(b) Net proceeds of the surcharge collected by the department for Share the Road registration plates shall be deposited into two accounts designated by the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and Cycle Oregon. The department shall evenly distribute the net proceeds to each account. Deposits under this paragraph shall be made at least quarterly. At any time that the department determines that the accounts designated by the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and Cycle Oregon cease to exist, the department may deposit the proceeds into the [*Environmental Quality Information*] Passenger Rail Transportation Account established under ORS 802.100.

35 "(7) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, the department shall design a Share the Road 36 registration plate in consultation with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and Cycle Oregon.".

- 37 In line 5, delete "3" and insert "4".
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