76TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY **HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE**

MEASURE: HB 2328-A CARRIER:

REVENUE: NO FISCAL:

May

Preliminary

Action: Vote:

> Yeas: Nays: Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: April-14

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Creates a vehicle road usage charge to account for road use by motorists who do not pay a fuel tax.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

BACKGROUND:

Requires the owners of electric and plug-in electric hybrid vehicles to pay 1.43 cents per mile for Road User Charge (RUC) use of Oregon highways. Allows for a pilot project (up to 5,000 motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 lb or less) that are not electric and plug-in electric hybrids to participate in the RUC (1.43 cents) program.

Requires ODOT to develop the methods for reporting miles driven and requires at least one method that does not involve vehicle location technology. The bill authorizes electronic reporting of the odometer reading to be one reporting method.

Requires ODOT to adopt rules for a collection system, and to set open system standards for a mileage reporting method that involves vehicle location technology for the purpose of differentiating between miles driven within Oregon and miles driven outside the state. Provides for refund of RUC paid for miles traveled on any private road or private property, and for refund of fuel tax paid by owners of plug-in electric hybrid vehicles who have paid RUC.

Revenue distribution follows the formula (50 percent), to counties (30 percent) and to cities (20 percent). The bill requires monthly reporting, but allows the department to prescribe other reporting periods. Unless owners report miles driven outside Oregon, the department may assume that all miles were traveled in Oregon.

Provides penalties for delinquent payment of RUC and methods of collecting delinquent RUC, and penalties for tampering with the system used to record the miles. The bill provides for suspension of driving privileges or right to apply for driving privileges based on unpaid vehicle road usage fees.

Requires the department to report to the interim transportation committees no later than October 1, 2012 on the likelihood that the department could implement the RUC by January 1, 2014.

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