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**Representative Tobias Read, Chairman** House Transportation & Economic Development Committee 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Chairman Read:

AARP Oregon supports House Bill 3137.

AARP has a long-standing interest in consumer protection issues. We believe the marketplace should be transparent and descriptive to give consumers the opportunity to make informed choices among services and goods.

House Bill 3137 directs ODOT's Driver & Motor Vehicle Services Division to record voluntarily provided odometer readings for vehicles 10 years or older and maintain the most recent odometer reading in an electronic format. By doing so, better information will be available for consumers via websites such as Carfax. Also, having this information available on older vehicles may help law enforcement, car dealers and consumers discover odometer fraud.

House Bill 3137 is one more way to help consumers, businesses and law enforcement avoid the costs of dishonest practices associated with odometer readings. The bill is in keeping with AARP's principles regarding consumer protection.

AARP Oregon urges your support of House Bill 3137.

Sincerely, Rick Brnet

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