SB 645   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Girod

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Action Date:	03/22/17
Action:	Do pass.
Vote:	5-0-0-0
Yeas:	5 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen
Fiscal:	Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue:	Has minimal revenue impact
Prepared By:	Patrick Brennan, LPRO Analyst

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands the definition of "vehicle of special interest" to include Humvees.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Limitations of use of vehicles with special interest designation
- Use of Humvees in parades

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is responsible for issuing and maintaining registration for motor vehicles that operate on public roads in Oregon. The base rate for vehicle registration, for the standard "tree plate," is $43/year; new vehicles have an initial registration of four years ($172), with each subsequent registration being $86 for two years. Motorists have the option of several different plate designs, most of which come with an additional charge. Some of these are assessed one time, such as the $100 fee for the Pacific Wonderland plate, while others are assessed at each registration renewal, such as the $30 assessed for Cultural Trust plates.

Vehicles that are classified as "special interest" are eligible for permanent registration under ORS 803.400. The cost of a special interest registration plate is a one-time fee of $93. Those vehicles that are classified as special interest are only issued one vehicle registration plate, which is displayed on the back of the vehicle. Once a vehicle is so registered, no further renewals are necessary. Vehicles with permanent special interest plates are limited to be used for either exhibitions, parades or club activities, and not to be used primarily for transportation of persons or property. According to DMV, there are 38,759 registered as special interest vehicles in Oregon.