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**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2019
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

SB 113A: Support, reluctantly

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which authorizes courts to award reasonable attorney fees to retail customers who prevail in legal actions against vehicle dealers relating to vehicle registration or vehicle titling.

We are disappointed that the scope of this bill was greatly reduced by the -2 amendment adopted in the Senate Judiciary Committee. That amendment removed the attorney fee provision for legal actions vehicle dealers who have engaged in violations of provisions of the vehicle code relating to vehicle permits, the transfer or alteration of vehicles, or the regulation of vehicle dealers.

So now the bill only authorizes attorney fee awards if the dealer has engaged in fraud, in fraudulent representations, or in violations of the vehicle code relating to vehicle registration or vehicle titling. This half a loaf is better than no loaf.

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