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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Transportation to allow vehicle dealers that sold more than 100 vehicles in previous calendar year to electronically transmit certain documents related to vehicle sales.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Transportation

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis: The measure would allow the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to accept certain documents electronically, related to vehicle sales from dealers with greater than 100 vehicle sales in the previous calendar year. The measure also allows vehicle dealers to keep records electronically and proposes that a vehicle dealer who pays off the loan on a vehicle can apply for a title in the vehicle dealer's name if after, 20 days after payment, they have not received a certificate of title from the security interest holder and submit proof of payment and the appropriate odometer disclosure form. DMV is directed to write rules to implement the measure and directs ODOT to submit an annual report on September 15 of each year through 2026 on its progress on adopting rules to carry out the measure.

DMV does not have information technology infrastructure that allows dealers to submit documentation electronically, and would have to procure a solution related to this requirement. Fees could be paid by dealers through an existing IT platform but reprogramming, testing, administrative rules, outreach, and training would be required. Capacity to enact these changes will have to be evaluated against the ten existing IT projects currently underway at ODOT. The extent of these activities is indeterminate at this time and may require ODOT to return to the legislature if additional resources are required once costs have been determined.