

HB 2663 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes a vehicle dealer to issue a temporary registration permit for a motor vehicle that lacks proof of compliance with pollution control equipment requirements. Requires the dealer to give written notice to the purchaser that the Department of Transportation will not issue stickers, registration, and plates until proof of compliance is provided.

Fiscal impact: (info)

Revenue impact: (info)

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon requires most motor vehicles that are registered in the Portland metropolitan region and the Medford metropolitan area to undergo vehicle emissions testing every two years in order to be lawfully operated on Oregon roads. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), through its Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV), and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), manage the program. When a vehicle's registration comes due every two years, vehicles registered in either of the two testing areas must be taken to a testing station to determine whether the vehicle's emissions exceed state standards; those that do not meet the standards are required to be repaired to be brought back to standards before they may be reregistered.

House Bill 12663 permits a vehicle dealer to complete a transaction for sale of a motor vehicle that the dealer knows is not currently compliant with emissions standards, so long as the dealer provides written notice to the purchaser that the vehicle is out of compliance.