

## HB 2683 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Joint Committee On Transportation

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Specifies that a person may request that the Oregon Department of Transportation include on a registration card, driver license, driver permit, or identification card, the fact that the person has a disability that interferes with the person's ability to effectively communicate with a police officer. Requires requesters to submit an application to the Department and have a health care provider verify the disability.

Fiscal impact:

Revenue impact:

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is the state agency responsible for authorizing persons to operate motor vehicles on public roadways, for registering motor vehicles to be lawfully operated on public roadways, and for titling motor vehicles to allow for the identification of rightful ownership of a vehicle. Current requirements for information to be contained on a driver license includes: a distinguishing number assigned by the Department (Oregon Driver License number), a brief physical description of the individual (height, weight, eye and hair color), the individual's full legal name and date of birth, the individual's home address (subject to exceptions), the class of license issued, the individual's signature, designation of type of license (Real ID or standard license), and photograph.

Additional information is not required to be listed on a driver license, but may be upon request. These include whether the individual is an anatomical donor, a veteran, an emancipated minor, or whether the individual is deaf or hard of hearing. The last item was added to statute with the passage of House Bill 2498 (2021); the purpose of the addition was to inform law enforcement, prior to approaching the vehicle during a traffic stop, that communication with the driver of the vehicle might be difficult, and that failure of the driver to follow the officer's commands might be due to the driver not hearing those commands.

House Bill 2683 allows an applicant for a driver license to include information that the vehicle owner has a disability that interferes with the person's ability to effectively communicate with a police officer.