

## HB 2739 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Joint Committee On Transportation

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Specifies that a registered owner of a vehicle may request that the registration card issued for the vehicle include information that the owner, or another person who is authorized to operate the vehicle, has limited English language proficiency.

Fiscal:

Revenue:

#### 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 vehicle's registration document includes: the true name and actual residence or business address of the owner (with exceptions), a description of the vehicle, odometer disclosure in a form specified by ODOT, if required, proof of compliance with federal use tax (for heavy vehicles), a statement that the owner lives in Oregon (with exceptions), a statement that the vehicle qualifies for registration in Oregon if the owner does not reside in Oregon, and a statement of compliance with financial responsibility (insurance) requirements.

One final piece of information that may be included on a vehicle registration form is that the owner, or a person who may operate the vehicle, is deaf or hard of hearing. This 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 2739 allows for the addition of language to a vehicle's registration document that the registered owner, or a person who may operate the vehicle, has limited English proficiency.