

HB 2739 -1 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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of original measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment replaces the original measure. Prohibits vehicle repair shops from charging a fee to store a motor vehicle on premises owned, leased, or controlled by the owner, until the first business day following the date on which the repair shop delivers an estimate for the cost of work to be performed. Specifies that the storage fee may not exceed the maximum rate that the local government may have established for towing a motor vehicle under ORS 98.859.

FISCAL:

REVENUE:

BACKGROUND:

When a vehicle is towed following an accident, the vehicle owner often chooses to have the vehicle towed to a repair shop to have the vehicle returned to road-ready. Many shops charge a daily storage fee for vehicles on their premises; such charges may be imposed for vehicles awaiting repairs. This can occur even before the repair shop has evaluated the damaged vehicle and offered the vehicle owner a repair estimate.

House Bill 2739, with the -1 amendment, prohibits a repair shop owner from charging storage fees to a vehicle owner until the first business day after a repair estimate is delivered to the owner of the vehicle.