

HB 3186 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the State Board of Towing as an independent agency, separate from the Oregon Department of Transportation where it is currently housed. It specifies that ODOT is to continue to provide office facilities, administrative support, and technical assistance to the Board.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Housekeeping measure
- Board of Towing was intended to be an independent entity

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment replaces the original measure but likewise establishes the Oregon State Board of Towing as an independent Board, while also making adjustments to the qualifications of two of its nine members: the insurance industry representative is to specialize in property and casualty insurance as it affects the towing industry; and the position for chief of police or county sheriff is open to any sworn law enforcement officer of any city, county, tribal, or other local law enforcement agency with knowledge and experience in local law enforcement towing program. It continuously appropriates moneys in the Oregon State Board of Towing Account to the Board, rather than the Department of Transportation. The measure changes all statutory references to the State Board of Towing to the Oregon State Board of Towing. The amendment also directs the Board, upon its request, to enter into an interagency agreement under which the Oregon Department of Transportation may provide a specified list of central business operating services. It authorizes the Department to charge the board a fee for services. It also changes the name of the State Board of Towing Account to the Oregon State Board of Towing Account.

FISCAL:

REVENUE: No revenue impact on measure w/the -1 amendment

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 300 (2021) established the State Board of Towing within the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). For many years, ODOT's Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) had served as the regulatory authority for towers and towing companies in Oregon. The Board is comprised of nine members representing the towing industry, insurance industry, law enforcement and consumer advocates.