

# A-Engrossed House Bill 2155

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest: The Act allows law enforcement to use car accident reports to help them with their work. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.9).**

*[Digest: The Act says that ODOT must study speed bumps. (Flesch Readability Score: 94.3).]  
[Requires the Department of Transportation to study the development of uniform standards for speed bump height and markings.]*

*[Sunsets January 2, 2027.]*

**Expands the confidential use of vehicle accident reports to include law enforcement agencies for investigatory purposes.**

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to transportation; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 801.040 and 802.220.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 801.040 is amended to read:

801.040. This section describes circumstances where special provisions are made concerning the authority of cities, counties or other political subdivisions in relation to some portion of the vehicle code. This section is not the only section of the vehicle code that applies to such authority and shall not be interpreted to affect the vehicle code except as specifically provided in this section. The following limits are partial or complete as described:

(1) No county, municipal or other local body with authority to adopt and administer local police regulations under the Constitution and laws of this state shall enact or enforce any rule or regulation in conflict with the provisions of the vehicle code described in this subsection except as specifically authorized in the vehicle code. This subsection applies to the provisions of the vehicle code relating to abandoned vehicles, vehicle equipment, regulation of vehicle size, weight and load, the manner of operation of vehicles and use of roads by persons, animals and vehicles.

(2) Except as provided in ORS 822.230 and this subsection, no city, county or other political subdivisions shall regulate or require or issue any registration, licenses, permits or surety bonds or charge any fee for the regulatory or surety registration of any person required to obtain a certificate from the Department of Transportation under ORS 822.205. This subsection does not:

(a) Limit any authority of a city or county to license and collect a general and nondiscriminatory license fee levied upon all businesses or to levy a tax based upon business conducted by any person within the city or county.

(b) Limit the authority of any city or county to impose any requirements or conditions as part of any contract to perform towing or recovering services for the city or county.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

(c) Limit the authority of any city or county to impose requirements and conditions that govern the towing of a vehicle by a towing business under ORS 98.812 so long as those requirements and conditions are consistent with the provisions of ORS 822.230.

(3) No city, county or other political subdivision of this state, nor any state agency, may adopt a regulation or ordinance that imposes a special fee for the use of public lands or waters by snowmobiles or Class I all-terrain vehicles, or for the use of any access thereto that is owned by or under the jurisdiction of either the United States, this state or any such city, county or other political subdivision. The registration fees provided by ORS 821.320 are in lieu of any personal property or excise tax imposed on snowmobiles by this state or any political subdivision. No city, county or other municipality, and no state agency shall impose any other registration or license fee on any snowmobile in this state. This subsection does not prohibit any city, county or other political subdivision, or any state agency from regulating the operation of snowmobiles or Class I all-terrain vehicles on public lands, waters and other properties under its jurisdiction and on streets or highways within its boundaries by adopting regulations or ordinances of its governing body if such regulations are not inconsistent with ORS 821.150 to 821.292.

(4) The provisions of ORS 819.110 to 819.215 relating to towing of vehicles that are abandoned establish minimum requirements subject to the following:

(a) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subsection, a county or incorporated city may supersede such provisions by ordinance or charter provision.

(b) Any road authority described under ORS 810.010 may adopt rules or procedures that do not conflict with such provisions to provide for additional protection for the owner or person with an interest in a vehicle subject to such provisions or that more quickly accomplish the procedures established under such provisions.

(5) Any incorporated city may [by ordinance] require that the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident file with a designated city department a copy of any report required to be filed under ORS 811.725. All such reports shall be for the confidential use of the city department, **including law enforcement agencies, as defined in ORS 811.747, for investigatory purposes**, but subject to the same requirements for release of such reports as provided for the release of such reports by the department under ORS 802.220 and 802.240.

(6) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, in accordance with the provisions of ORS 801.041, the governing body of a county may establish by ordinance registration fees for vehicles registered at a residence or business address within the county.

(7) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, in accordance with the provisions of ORS 801.042, the governing body of a district may establish by ordinance registration fees for vehicles registered at a residence or business address within the district.

**SECTION 2.** ORS 802.220 is amended to read:

802.220. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and ORS 802.177, the records the Department of Transportation maintains under ORS 802.200 on vehicles are public records. The records of vehicles registered under ORS 805.060 are not public records and are exempt from public inspection as provided under ORS 181A.220 and are for the confidential use of criminal justice agencies described under ORS 181A.010. The department may charge the fee established under ORS 802.230 for furnishing information under this section concerning a vehicle or its owner.

(2) The department may charge the fee established under ORS 802.230 for furnishing to the public information from the records the department maintains under ORS 802.200 concerning driver licenses or driver permits.

1 (3) The records the department keeps under ORS 802.200 on judgments or convictions under ORS  
2 810.375 shall be open to the inspection of any person during reasonable business hours. Nothing in  
3 this subsection authorizes the release of personal information as defined in ORS 802.175.

4 (4) The department shall upon request furnish any person certified abstracts of the employment  
5 driving record and the nonemployment driving record of any person whose driving records are  
6 maintained under ORS 802.200. If an abstract of the employment driving record is not specifically  
7 requested, the department shall only furnish an abstract of the nonemployment driving record.  
8 Nothing in this subsection authorizes the release of personal information as defined in ORS 802.175.  
9 The department shall collect the fee established for abstracts of driving records under ORS 802.230.  
10 A certified abstract issued under this section shall not contain any of the following, unless the ab-  
11 stract is being requested under ORS 746.265 (3):

12 (a) Any accident or conviction for violation of motor vehicles laws that occurred more than  
13 three years immediately preceding a request for abstract.

14 (b) Any suspension ordered under ORS 809.220 after the department has received notice to  
15 reinstate a person's suspended driving privileges under ORS 809.220.

16 (c) Any diversion agreement under ORS 813.220 entered into more than three years immediately  
17 preceding a request for the abstract.

18 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, accident reports filed with the department  
19 under ORS 811.725, 811.730 or 811.735 shall be without prejudice to the individual filing the report  
20 and shall be for the confidential use of state administrative and enforcement agencies, **including**  
21 **law enforcement agencies for investigatory purposes**. The department may use the confidential  
22 accident reports to provide the following information to the persons described:

23 (a) Upon request, the department shall disclose the following information to any party involved  
24 in the accident or to their personal representative or any member of the family of a party involved  
25 in the accident:

26 (A) The identity of the owner, driver, occupants and the registration number of a vehicle in-  
27 volved in the accident;

28 (B) The names of any companies insuring the owner or driver of a vehicle involved in the acci-  
29 dent; and

30 (C) The names of any witnesses to the accident.

31 (b) The department shall furnish a certificate showing that a specified accident report has or  
32 has not been made to the department upon demand of any person who has or claims to have made  
33 such a report or upon demand of a court.

34 (6) The department shall tabulate and may analyze all accident reports to develop statistical  
35 information based thereon as to the number and circumstances of traffic accidents. The department  
36 shall publish information compiled under this section in the manner provided under ORS 802.050.

37 (7) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the records the department is required un-  
38 der ORS 802.200 to maintain on trip permits issued under ORS 803.600 are public records. The de-  
39 partment may charge a fee established under ORS 802.230 for furnishing information from the  
40 records on trip permits. Nothing in this subsection authorizes the release of personal information  
41 as defined in ORS 802.175.

42 (8) The records the department maintains under ORS 802.200 concerning odometer readings for  
43 vehicles are public records. The department may separately furnish information concerning  
44 odometer readings shown by its records. The department may charge the fee established under ORS  
45 802.230 for information separately provided under this subsection. Nothing in this subsection au-

1   thorizes the release of personal information as defined in ORS 802.175.

2       **(9) As used in this section, “law enforcement agency” has the meaning given that term**  
3   **in ORS 811.747.**

4       **SECTION 3. Section 4 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle**  
5   **Code.**

6       **SECTION 4. (1) As used in this section:**

7       **(a) “Law enforcement agency” has the meaning given that term in ORS 811.747.**

8       **(b) “Personal information” means the following information that identifies an individual:**

9       **(A) A Social Security number;**

10       **(B) A driver license number or identification card number issued by this state or another**  
11   **jurisdiction;**

12       **(C) A passport number or other identification number issued by the United States; and**

13       **(D) A financial account number, credit card number or debit card number, in combina-**  
14   **tion with any required security code, access code or password that would permit access to**  
15   **an individual’s financial account, or any other information or combination of information**  
16   **that a person reasonably knows or should know would permit access to the individual’s fi-**  
17   **nancial account.**

18       **(2) Law enforcement agencies may:**

19       **(a) Retain copies of police reports submitted to the Department of Transportation under**  
20   **ORS 810.460; and**

21       **(b) Share information in the police reports that is not personal information with service**  
22   **providers contracted by the agencies to aid the agencies.**  
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