

# OVDA / ORVDA / NATA ARE NEUTRAL ON HOUSE BILL 3178-A

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Chair Taylor and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Vehicle Dealer Association (OVDA) represents all businesses required to possess an Oregon vehicle dealer certification. Oregon RV Dealers Association (ORVDA) represents franchised RV dealers in Oregon. Northwest Auto Trades Association (NATA) represents mechanical and collision repair shops, parts stores, and dismantlers. OVDA, ORVDA, and NATA are neutral on House Bill 3178-A.

OVDA, ORVDA, and NATA were very strongly opposed to the introduced version of House Bill 3178. It was a dramatic and expensive overreach which would have negatively impacted hundreds of small, family owned auto dealership across the state by saddling them with new obligations. Many of these emerging businesses are in small, rural, and underserved communities.

Then, Chair Sosa sat with dealer associations, and listened. And he sat with consumer groups, and listened. And he sat with dealer attorneys and listened. And he sat with consumer lawyers and listened. And, he even got dealer associations and their lawyers, and consumer groups and their lawyers, to meet and listen to one another.

Candidly, we didn't agree on much. But Chair Sosa listened to everyone and drafted compromise amendments that addressed important consumer issues while still allowing auto dealer to sell cars and trucks and serve their customers

Because of Chair Sosa's tenacity, OVDA, ORVDA, and NATA do not oppose the passage of HB3178-A.

Thank you.

