



June 13, 2025

The Honorable Chris Gorsek and Susan McLain
Oregon State Legislature
Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 2025 – Opposition to Auto Dismantler Certificate Renewal Fee Increase

Dear Committee Chairs Gorsek and McLain and Members of the Joint Committee:

On behalf of [LKQ Corporation](#), please receive these written comments in opposition to HB 2025. This bill proposes an abrupt and unwarranted increase in licensing renewal costs, placing an undue burden on law-abiding, environmentally-friendly, and job-creating businesses that operate in the auto dismantling industry. LKQ specifically opposes the auto dismantler licensing fee increase proposed in Section 70. ORS 822.700:

- (1) Fee for issuance or renewal of dismantler certificates covering a single place of business, or a supplemental certificate for each additional place of business to be covered by that certificate and operated under the same name, [~~\$500~~] **\$2,492**.

We respectfully urge you to reconsider this substantial fee increase. Such disproportionate increase not only significantly exceeds average state licensing rates but also creates a financial barrier that will inevitably discourage small operators from seeking proper licensing and operating within the bounds of the law. This situation could inadvertently lead to a less regulated market and more serious public safety implications, putting consumers and communities at risk due to environmental hazards and unsafe vehicles and/or vehicle parts sold in the black market.

The auto dismantling industry went through a series of regulatory improvements led by then-Speaker Tina Kotek. Such efforts aimed to curb the pressing threat of unscrupulous auto dismantling operators and chronic violators of environmental laws whose operations harm consumers, the environment, and the communities you represent. When a vehicle or any of its parts are sold by illegal operators, the public is exposed to potentially unsafe, stolen, dangerous vehicles and/or parts that should not be placed back on the roads. These illicit operations typically lack the training and equipment necessary to comply with federal, state, and local auto dismantling environmental guidelines.

Please do not undermine this regulatory progress by discouraging smaller operators from obtaining licenses due to this proposed exorbitant fee increase. Your constituents, the environment, and our industry will be negatively affected.

Imposing such a high licensing fee would likely shrink the pool of compliant auto dismantlers, as many small and legitimate operators would be priced out of the market. To genuinely improve the industry, we advocate for enhanced regulatory oversight and a robust compliance and enforcement framework. This approach would more effectively target and reduce the number of “bad actors,” ensuring greater accountability for all, especially those businesses already operating lawfully. To preserve the environment and the safety of consumers and the motoring public, it is vital that small operators are encouraged to get properly licensed, ensuring they are under the oversight of the respective authorities.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input and collaborate with members of the Legislature and stakeholders to advance sound policy measures for the automotive industry, consumers, and the communities we serve. For the reasons listed above, **we respectfully ask you to OPPOSE HB 2025.**

[LKQ Corporation](#) is a global leading provider of alternative and specialty parts to repair and accessorize automobiles and other vehicles. LKQ offers its customers a broad range of replacement systems, components, equipment and parts for automobiles, trucks, and recreational and performance vehicles. LKQ recently became the largest U.S. provider of mobile, on-site vehicle services to automotive collision repairers, mechanical repairers and national fleets, providing a full array of repair solutions including diagnostics and calibration, re-flashing, programming, pre and post collision repair diagnostics and other mechanical services. LKQ has a global industry leading team of over 47,000 employees and operates over 1,600 locations in 25 countries.

Respectfully,

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