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TO: Senate Transportation and
Economic Development Committee

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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 188

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Transportation requested this bill to align the statutes with legislative intent and industry standards.

WHAT THE BILL DOES

HB 2142 (2001 session) increased the title fee to \$90 for certain vehicles. This bill makes technical and housekeeping changes to achieve clarity and consistency within the statutes. The changes will result in a slight decrease in revenue to the State Highway Fund. The changes are:

- Apply the \$90 title fee to motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) over 26,000 pounds. Current language applies the \$90 title fee to motor vehicles with a GVWR of 26,000 pounds or more. The trucking industry, as well as Federal and state motor carriers, uses the cut-off of 26,000 pounds and below, or 26,001 pounds and above to determine weight classifications for licensing and registration purposes.
- Remove the reference to truck tractors in ORS 803.090. This is not a common term used in Oregon law to register vehicles. DMV registers these vehicle types by weight and truck tractors are included with motor vehicles over 26,000 pounds.
- Clarify that the trailers subject to the \$90 title fee are the commercial trailers with a loaded weight of 8,001 or more and registered with "Heavy Permanent" registration.
- Exclude motor homes from the \$90 heavy vehicle title fee. The \$90 title fee was intended to apply to commercial vehicles, not to recreational vehicles for personal use.

SUMMARY

SB 188 will provide clarity and improve customer service with revenue minimal impact. I ask the committee to support this bill.