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TO: Oregon Dealers; Lending Institution Associations

FROM: Business Regulation and Oregon Dealer Services

SUBJECT: Legislative Changes

This letter contains information about new and amended laws from the 2025 Legislative Session. The new laws become effective Jan. 1, 2026, unless otherwise noted.

If you have any questions regarding the changes, please call DMV Customer Assistance. In the Portland area call 503-299-9999. Outside of the greater Portland area call 503-945-5000. For additional information concerning changes in vehicle-related laws after Jan. 1, 2026, please visit the DMV website at oregondmv.com.

Vehicle-Related Fee Changes

The Oregon Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 3991 during the special 2025 Legislative session to provide transportation funding to ODOT, cities, counties and transit districts in Oregon. However, provisions of HB 3991 concerning tax and fee increases are suspended and will not take effect if the Oregon Secretary of State determines petitioners against HB 3991 gathered enough valid signatures to place a measure on the November 2026 ballot for voter consideration.

Two registration fee increases from Section 46 of HB 3991 were not included in the referendum petition. Effective Dec. 31, 2025, the passenger registration surcharge for vehicles with 40+ MPG and electric vehicles is increasing by \$30 per year of registration. This is an increase of \$60 for two-year registration periods. This surcharge does not apply to vehicles enrolled in ODOT's OReGO program.

Passenger Vehicles	4 Year	2 Year	4 Year Rental	2 Year Rental	1 Year Rental
Passenger 40 MPG+ not in OReGO	\$432	\$216	\$432	\$218	\$110
Passenger, 40 MPG+ in OReGO	\$172	\$86	\$172	\$88	\$45
Passenger, Electric not in OReGO	\$752	\$376	\$752	\$378	\$190
Passenger, Electric in OReGO	\$172	\$86	\$172	\$88	\$45

A dealer who collects registration renewal fees for a vehicle with an expiration date on or after Dec. 31, 2025, must collect the new fees regardless of when the transaction is completed.

Fees are listed in [Chapter M: Fees](#) of the Oregon DMV [Title and Registration Handbook](#). The new registration fees were published in the Title and Registration Handbook on Nov. 1, 2025. On Dec. 19, 2025, that information was revised to reflect the suspension of most of HB 3991. The

Title and Registration Handbook will be updated on Jan. 1, 2026, to include all of the fee increases in addition to other legislative changes.

Veteran Recognition Plate Changes

Senate Bill (SB) 159 authorizes the issuance of veteran recognition plates for motorcycles and mopeds. The new plates will utilize an embossed style with the same four-letter configuration utilized on current veteran recognition plates for passenger vehicles. On motorcycle and moped plates, the word “Veteran” appears in red at the bottom of the plate, and an American flag is placed on the left side of the plate. Passenger vehicle size plates are the only type eligible for the full range of veterans’ group plates with insignias specific to service groups or medals.

Fees for the plate will be the standard fees for motorcycles or mopeds, with the additional veteran plate surcharge of \$2.50 per plate, per year.

HB 2559 specifies that when determining an applicant’s eligibility for veteran benefits or services, a state agency may use a Summary of Benefits Letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Effective Jan. 1, 2026, DMV will accept a Summary of Benefits Letter as stand-alone proof of veteran status for service branch, blank, motorcycle/moped and Vietnam Veterans of America plates. DMV will continue to accept the DD214/DD215 and WD AGO Form 53 as proof of veteran status.

Veteran/Active-Duty Service Member Email Address to ODVA

HB 2341 requires DMV to transmit (if provided) veteran or active-duty service member email addresses to Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs (ODVA) when transmitting other personal information required for the following transactions:

- A license under ORS 807.050.
- An identification card under ORS 807.400.
- A certificate of title under ORS 803.050.
- A vehicle registration under ORS 803.370.

DMV will provide an opportunity for veteran or active-duty service members to provide their email address in the above listed transactions. If provided, DMV will transmit the email address to ODVA along with the other personal contact information provided.

Recreational Vehicle 30-Day Trip Permits

HB 2660 authorizes Oregon dealers to issue a new trip permit type for RVs purchased by out-of-state customers, which allows the customer to extend their travel in Oregon in their newly purchased RV.

- Permit Length: 30 consecutive days.
- Cost per permit: \$70.
- Number of permits: Limited to one permit per vehicle.

The permit can only be issued to the person who purchased the RV from the dealer, and it cannot be issued to a resident of Oregon. The purchaser must indicate on the purchase agreement that they do not intend to title the vehicle in Oregon.

This permit will be available for purchase through the Dealer Portal in DMV2U. If Oregon dealers need assistance activating a DMV2U Login, contact Business Licensing at DMVInsert@odot.oregon.gov.

Temporary Registration Permits for Vehicles Subject to DEQ

SB 840, Sections 51 and 52, allows Oregon dealers to issue a temporary (temp) registration permit to a vehicle subject to DEQ without proof of DEQ compliance. If issuing a permit in this way, the dealer must provide the purchaser a written notice that includes:

- The vehicle is subject to pollution control requirements (ORS 815.295).
- The purchaser must complete DEQ testing before the temporary registration expires (ORS 803.625) or the purchaser will be required to reapply for registration.
- The vehicle cannot be registered until proof of compliance is submitted (ORS 802.250).
- If the vehicle fails emissions, the purchaser must notify the dealer immediately (ORS 803.625).
- The dealer must ensure compliance before initial registration (ORS 468A.365, ORS 815.095).
- Once DEQ requirements for registration are met, the dealer is not responsible for future testing.

Dealers must provide the written notice when the temp permit is issued and retain a copy in their business records. If the dealer learns after the sale that a vehicle needs DEQ testing and they have already issued a temp permit, the dealer must send the above-described written notice to the purchaser within five business days of discovery.

Vehicle Sales and Dealer Records

Document processing fee for using an integrator: If an Oregon dealer is using an Electronic Vehicle Registration (EVR) program integrator, and charging a document processing fee greater than \$200, they must inform the purchaser the reason for the fee and the customer may choose whether or not to have the vehicle dealer use an integrator for preparing and submitting the documents to DMV.

If the customer chooses to have their transaction submitted through an integrator, and the dealer charges a document processing fee for the service, \$35 of that fee shall be paid to the integrator.

Section 20 of SB 840 removes the option for a customer to negotiate down the \$35 portion of the document processing fee that is paid to the integrator. The purchaser still may negotiate the remainder of the document processing fee with the dealer.

Conducting a vehicle record search: Under Section 20 of SB 840, Oregon dealers are required to conduct a vehicle record search using a National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) data provider or an equivalent commercially available system. This must be completed before finalizing a retail sales transaction.

Dealers are not required to run the search when they are selling:

- A vehicle currently titled with a salvage title or certificate of destruction.
- A non-motorized vehicle.
- A vehicle type not reported to NMVTIS.

Dealers must inform the purchaser of any irregularities in the search that may affect the value of the vehicle, which include:

- Odometer discrepancies.
- Reports of damage.
- Indications the vehicle has been stolen.

Dealer records: SB 840, Section 21, requires dealers to keep a copy of a NMVTIS vehicle record report for every used or second-hand vehicle they sell that is subject to NMVTIS reporting requirements.

Vehicle Appraisals Value Threshold

Sections 17-19 of SB 840 amend the threshold for towing and disposing of an abandoned vehicle from an appraised value of \$500 to \$1,000.

Substantially Altered Vehicles

Sections 16 and 30-38 of SB 840 remove “substantially altered” from the list of conditions of a vehicle that has sustained damage. Requirements for notifications will fall under the provisions of totaled, wrecked, dismantled, disassembled or destroyed vehicles. Dismantlers are still required to report vehicles they acquire within 30 days.

Dismantler Location Approval by a Local Government Authority

Under SB 840, Section 24, DMV is required to immediately cancel a dismantler certificate or supplemental location certificate when DMV receives notification that a local government authority has revoked their location approval.

Two-Year Dismantler Certifications

HB 2706 amends ORS 822.125 (3) and ORS 822.700 (1), making the following changes to dismantler certificates:

- Certificates will be valid for two years instead of one year.
- The renewal fee will be \$1,000 for the two-year certification period.

Compliance visits of Oregon dismantlers will continue annually. Fire Inspection Reports (FIR) must still be completed and submitted to DMV annually.