

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2655

By COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “805.205” insert a period and delete the rest of the  
2 line and line 3.

3 Delete lines 5 through 31 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

4 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 805.205 is amended to read:

5 “805.205. (1) The Department of Transportation by rule shall provide for issuance of registration  
6 plates described in subsection (3) of this section for nonprofit groups meeting the qualifications for  
7 tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for institutions of higher  
8 education and for veterans’ organizations. The department shall also provide, upon request from a  
9 veterans’ group or the Director of Veterans’ Affairs, for issuance of a veterans’ recognition regis-  
10 tration plate that may be issued only to veterans. Plates issued under this section may be issued to  
11 owners of motor vehicles registered under the provisions of ORS 803.420 (1). Plates issued under  
12 this section may not contain expressions of political opinion or religious belief. Rules adopted under  
13 this section shall include, but need not be limited to, rules that:

14 “(a) Describe general qualifications to be met by any group in order to be eligible for plates  
15 issued under this section.

16 “(b) Specify circumstances under which the department may cease to issue plates for any partic-  
17 tular group.

18 “(c) Require each group for which plates are issued, other than a group or the Director of  
19 Veterans’ Affairs requesting a veterans’ recognition plate, to file an annual statement on a form  
20 designed by the department showing that the group is a nonprofit group or **is** an institution of  
21 higher education and **that the group** otherwise meets the qualifications imposed for eligibility for  
22 plates issued under this section. The statement shall include names and addresses of current direc-  
23 tors or officers of the group or of other persons authorized to speak for the group or institution on  
24 matters affecting plates issued under this section.

25 “(d) Require proof of veteran status for issuance of a veterans’ recognition plate and specify  
26 what constitutes proof.

27 “(2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, in addition to any other  
28 fee authorized by law, upon issuance of a plate under this section and upon renewal of registration  
29 for a vehicle that has plates issued under this section, the department shall collect a surcharge of  
30 \$2.50 per plate for each year of the registration period.

31 “(b) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, upon issuance of a plate under this section  
32 [*that*] **for a group that promotes the prevention of wildfires or that** recognizes an institution  
33 of higher education in this state, and upon renewal of registration for a vehicle that has such plates,  
34 the department shall collect a surcharge of \$8 per plate for each year of the registration period.

35 “(3) Plates issued under this section shall be from the current regular issue of plates except that:

1           “(a) In consultation with the group or the Director of Veterans’ Affairs requesting the plates,  
2 the department shall add words to the plate that name or describe the group or veterans recognized.

3           “(b) If the group or the Director of Veterans’ Affairs requesting the plates represents persons  
4 who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal, the plates shall contain an image of the medal.

5           “(c) If the group requesting the plates is an institution of higher education, the plates shall,  
6 upon request, contain words that indicate the plates are issued to recognize the institution or shall  
7 contain the institution’s logo or an image of the institution’s mascot.

8           **“(d) If the group requesting the plates promotes the prevention of wildfires, the plates  
9 shall contain words that promote the prevention of wildfires in Oregon and have an image  
10 of Smokey Bear. Only plates with an image of Smokey Bear may be used to promote the  
11 prevention of wildfires in Oregon. All fees required to be paid for use of the image of Smokey  
12 Bear shall be paid by the group requesting the plates that promote the prevention of  
13 wildfires. If the department determines at any time that use of the image of Smokey Bear  
14 is not authorized by the federal government, the department may not issue any plates with  
15 the image of Smokey Bear.**

16           “(4) Except as otherwise required by the design chosen, the plates shall comply with the re-  
17 quirements of ORS 803.535. The department shall determine how many sets of plates shall be man-  
18 ufactured for each group approved under this section or for the Director of Veterans’ Affairs. If the  
19 department does not sell or issue renewal for 500 sets of plates for a particular group or for the  
20 Director of Veterans’ Affairs in any one year, the department shall cease production of those plates.

21           “(5) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6) of this section, each group that is found by  
22 the department to be eligible for plates issued under this section may designate an account into  
23 which the net proceeds of the surcharge collected by the department under subsection (2) of this  
24 section are to be deposited. The department shall keep accurate records of the number of plates is-  
25 sued for each group that qualifies. After payment of administrative expenses of the department,  
26 moneys collected under this section for each group shall be deposited by the department into an  
27 account specified by that group. If any group does not specify an account for the moneys collected  
28 from the sale of plates issued under this section, the department shall deposit moneys collected for  
29 those plates into the Environmental Quality Information Account established under ORS 802.100 to  
30 be used as other moneys in the account are used. Deposits under this subsection shall be made at  
31 least quarterly.

32           “(6)(a) Each institution of higher education that requests a plate under this section shall desig-  
33 nate an account in the general fund of the institution, and the proceeds in the account shall be used  
34 for the purpose of academic enrichment at the institution.

35           “(b) Net proceeds of the surcharge collected by the department for the veterans’ recognition  
36 plate shall be deposited in the trust fund established under ORS 406.050 for paying the expenses of  
37 operating the Oregon Veterans’ Home. Deposits under this paragraph shall be made at least quar-  
38 terly.

39           **“(c) Net proceeds of the surcharge collected by the department for a group that promotes  
40 the prevention of wildfires shall be deposited in an account designated by the Keep Oregon  
41 Green Association and shall be used for paying the expenses of promoting the prevention of  
42 wildfires in Oregon. Deposits under this paragraph shall be made at least quarterly. At any  
43 time that the department determines that the account designated by the Keep Oregon Green  
44 Association ceases to exist, the department may no longer issue a plate with the image of  
45 Smokey Bear.**

