



House of Representatives State of Idaho

July 2, 2018

Sarah Baker
Chair
Ada County Highway District Board

Jim Hansen
Director Boise District (My District)
Ada County Highway District Board

Dear Directors:

Thank you Sarah for speaking with me regarding the registration fee issue and thank you both for having an open, transparent process. Putting a proposal on the table, publicizing it, and accepting public comment is good government. I want to support the fee increase. Growth is not your policy fault. When two 11 story buildings are built in Boise; when subdivision after subdivision is approved in Meridian; when a stadium is built; transportation has to be provided. I have three proposals to make the fee charges fair to all of us:

First, I have had this bill for awhile and it is even more appropriate with a fee increase:

Bill #1 attached: Provides for a rebate of the unused portion of a registration fee when the vehicle has been sold/disposed of, and plates not transferred. Vehicles over 8000 pounds get such rebates.

Vehicles (trucks) over 8000 pounds need to pay the voter approved fee. Presently they are exempt, and vehicles 8000- 20,000 pounds will actually pay less than a new car under the increase.

Bill #2 attached: Provides that a voter approved registration fee may require that trucks pay a minimum fee of up to \$70 or 10% of the registration fee actually paid, whichever is greater. Note that many trucks don't pay the full fee in the Idaho Code 49-434 fee schedule because they apply for rebates for time the truck is not in use.

I also believe that a modest public transportation system helps reduce road traffic.

Bill #3 attached allows, but does not mandate, that 25% of the fee to be used for such purposes.

I understand the even year requirement and funding needs and that legislation can't happen until 2019. But, a commitment by legislative leaders, with your help, for these changes would help pass this 75% increase or a 2 year sunset is an alternative.

Again thank you for your open, transparent process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Gannon", written over the text of the letter.

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-fourth Legislature Second Regular Session - 2018

IN THE _____

BILL NO. _____

BY _____

AN ACT

RELATING TO; AMENDING SECTION 49-402, IDAHO CODE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 49-402, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

49-402. ANNUAL REGISTRATION. (1) The annual fee for operating each pickup truck, each neighborhood electric vehicle and each other motor vehicle having a maximum gross weight not in excess of eight thousand (8,000) pounds and that complies with the federal motor vehicle safety standards as defined in section 49-107, Idaho Code, shall be:

- Vehicles one (1) and two (2) years old\$69.00
- Vehicles three (3) and four (4) years old\$57.00
- Vehicles five (5) and six (6) years old\$57.00
- Vehicles seven (7) and eight (8) years old\$45.00
- Vehicles over eight (8) years old\$45.00

There shall be twelve (12) registration periods, starting in January for holders of validation registration stickers numbered 1, and proceeding consecutively through December for holders of validation registration stickers numbered 12, each of which shall start on the first day of a calendar month and end on the last day of the twelfth month from the first day of the beginning month. Registration periods shall expire midnight on the last day of the registration period in the year designated by the validation registration sticker. The numeral digit on the validation registration stickers shall, as does the registration card, fix the registration period under the staggered registration system for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

A vehicle that has once been registered for any of the above-designated periods shall, upon reregistration, be registered for the period bearing the same number, and the registration card shall show and be the exclusive proof of the expiration date of registration and licensing. Vehicles may be initially registered for less than a twelve (12) month period, or for more than a twelve (12) month period, and the fee prorated on a monthly basis if the fractional registration tends to fulfill the purpose of the monthly series registration system.

(2) For all school buses operated either by a nonprofit, nonpublic school or operated pursuant to a service contract with a school district for transporting children to or from school or in connection with school-approved activities, the annual fee shall be twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

(3) For all motorcycles and motor-driven cycles that comply with the federal motor vehicle safety standards, operated upon the public highways,

1 the annual fee shall be nineteen dollars (\$19.00) and shall be subject to
2 staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of ex-
3 piration.

4 (4) For operation of an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or
5 motorbike, excluding a motorbike with an engine displacement of fifty (50)
6 cubic centimeters or less, on city, county or highway district roads or
7 highways open to such use, a restricted vehicle license plate fee pursuant
8 to section 49-450, Idaho Code, shall be paid. In addition, the registration
9 fee specified in section 67-7122, Idaho Code, shall be paid as provided in
10 section 67-7122, Idaho Code. The registration and restricted vehicle li-
11 cense plate exemption provided in section 49-426(2), Idaho Code, applies
12 to all-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles, motorbikes and motorcycles
13 used for the purposes described in section 49-426(2), Idaho Code. Nonres-
14 idents shall be allowed to purchase a restricted vehicle license plate and
15 sticker for an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or motorbike.

16 (5) For all motor homes, the fee shall be as specified in subsection (1)
17 of this section and shall be in addition to the fees provided for in section
18 49-445, Idaho Code.

19 (6) Registration fees shall not be subject to refunds shall be given
20 for any unexpired portion of the vehicle registration fee if the plate is not
21 transferred by the owner to another vehicle and only if the refund is more
22 than twenty dollars (\$20.00). Any request for refund shall include surren-
23 der of the license plate, validation sticker and registration document.

24 (7) A financial institution or repossession service contracted to
25 a financial institution repossessing vehicles under the terms of a secu-
26 rity agreement shall move the vehicle from the place of repossession to the
27 financial institution's place of business on a repossession plate. The
28 repossession plate shall also be used for demonstrating the vehicle to a
29 prospective purchaser for a period not to exceed ninety-six (96) hours. The
30 registration fees for repossession plates shall be as required in subsection
31 (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other
32 fees required under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, shall be in addition to
33 the registration fee. The repossession plate shall be subject to staggered
34 registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

35 (8) A wrecker or towing business engaged in the process of towing motor-
36 ized vehicles, which have been wrecked, abandoned, salvaged or may be dis-
37 abled, may apply for a wrecker plate to be displayed on those vehicles being
38 towed, provided the power unit is properly registered under this chapter.
39 The registration fees for wrecker plates shall be as required in subsection
40 (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other
41 fees required under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, shall be in addition to
42 the registration fee and shall be subject to staggered registration for the
43 purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

44 (9) In addition to the annual registration fee in this section, there
45 shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and an an-
46 nual program fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all special license plate
47 programs for those license plates issued pursuant to sections 49-404A,
48 49-407, 49-408, 49-409, 49-414, 49-416, 49-418 and 49-418D, Idaho Code. For
49 special plates issued pursuant to sections 49-406 and 49-406A, Idaho Code,
50 there shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) but

1 there shall be no annual renewal fee. For special plates issued pursuant
2 to sections 49-415D, 49-417, 49-417A, 49-417B, 49-417C, 49-417D, 49-418A,
3 49-418B, 49-418C, 49-419, 49-419A, 49-419C, 49-419E, 49-420, 49-420A,
4 49-420B, 49-420C, 49-420D, 49-420E, 49-420J, 49-420K, 49-420L, 49-420M,
5 49-420N, 49-420O, and 49-420P, Idaho Code, and any new special plate pro-
6 gram effective on and after January 1, 2013, pursuant to section 49-402D,
7 Idaho Code, there shall be an initial program fee of thirty-five dollars
8 (\$35.00) and an annual program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The fees
9 contained in this subsection shall be applicable to all new special plate
10 programs and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of
11 reregistration and notice of expiration. The initial program fee and the
12 annual program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall
13 be used to fund the cost of administration of special license plate programs,
14 unless otherwise specified by law.

15 (10) Any vehicle that does not meet federal motor vehicle safety stan-
16 dards shall not be registered and shall not be permitted to operate on public
17 highways of the state, as defined in section 40-117, Idaho Code, unless oth-
18 erwise specifically authorized.

19 (11) In addition to annual registration fees as provided in this sec-
20 tion, registrants may pay a fee to purchase an Idaho state parks passport
21 authorizing resident motor vehicle entry into all Idaho state parks. Reg-
22 istrants may pay the fee for a one (1) year or two (2) year period of time.
23 The fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for one (1) year and twenty dollars
24 (\$20.00) for two (2) years. All fees collected pursuant to this subsection
25 shall be deposited into the park and recreation fund and shall be subject to
26 appropriation. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall not be con-
27 sidered a motor vehicle registration fee as provided in section 17, article
28 VII, of the constitution of the state of Idaho.

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AN ACT

RELATING TO; AMENDING SECTION 40-1416, IDAHO CODE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 40-1416, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

40-1416. AUTHORIZATION FOR VOTERS TO APPROVE VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 49-207, Idaho Code, the voters of any county in which a countywide highway district is organized pursuant to chapter 14, title 40, Idaho Code, may authorize the countywide highway district to adopt a resolution by a majority vote of the countywide highway district commissioners to implement and collect a motor vehicle registration fee not to exceed:

- (a) Two (2) times the amount established in section 49-402, Idaho Code;
- (b) A fee of seventy dollars (\$70.00) for a vehicle covered by section 49-434(1), Idaho Code;
- (c) A fee in the amount of seventy dollars (\$70.00) per vehicle or ten percent (10%) of fees actually paid for a vehicle covered by section 49-434(8), Idaho Code, whichever is greater.

The authorization to adopt, implement, and collect a vehicle registration fee may be made by the registered voters of the county only at a general election held in even-numbered years, and a simple majority of the votes cast on the question shall be necessary to authorize the fee.

(2) In any election, the resolution submitted to the county voters shall:

- (a) State the exact rate of the fee; and
- (b) State the duration of the fee.

No rate shall be increased and no duration shall be extended without the approval of the voters, by the same simple majority of the votes cast.

An election to approve or disapprove the adoption of a vehicle registration fee may be called for by the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote of the countywide highway district commissioners. Any costs incurred to conduct the election for the district shall be paid by the county.

(3) Any countywide highway district authorized to adopt a resolution for a vehicle registration fee shall contract with the department for the collection, distribution, and administration of the fee in like manner, and under the definitions and rules for the collection and administration of other registration fees as set forth in chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code. Monthly, following receipt by the department of revenues from the implementation of a vehicle registration fee, the department shall remit the same to the countywide highway district implementing such fee, less a deduction for such amount as may be agreed upon between the department and the commissioners of the countywide highway district, for the department's actual costs

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1 for collection and administration of the fee. The vehicle registration fee
2 shall not become part of the state highway account or state highway distri-
3 bution account.

4 (4) The countywide highway district must use the funds generated by a
5 vehicle registration fee exclusively for the construction, repair, mainte-
6 nance, and traffic supervision of the highways within its jurisdiction, and
7 the payment of interest and principal of obligations incurred for said pur-
8 poses.

9 (5) Sections 49-405, 49-408, 49-416, 49-404, 49-409, 49-415 and
10 49-410, Idaho Code, shall be subject to the provisions of this section.

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(4) The countywide highway district may use up to twenty-five percent (25%) of revenue generated by a vehicle registration fee for public transportation services, as defined in subsection (11) of section 40-117, Idaho

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