

End of January Legislative Report

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The 82nd Assembly of the Oregon Legislature began on January 9, 2023. On day one, 1,814 bills were introduced for consideration. Since then, another 402 were added for a total of 2,216 so far. The Legislature generally considers just under 4,000 bills during the session, which will end in late June.

A handful of those bills could have a direct impact on **NATA** members. I'll list a few of the "highlights" below. But first, a couple of things to keep in mind:

THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF HAVING AN IMPACT IN SALEM

Do you know who your State Senator and State Representative are in Salem? You can input your address and find out [here](#). Your business location may be represented by a different Senator and Representative, meaning you can have twice the impact. You should know who represents you, and how to reach them during the Legislative Session.

Do you personally know any State Senator or State Representative (even if they don't represent you)? Do you attend the same church? Are you members of the same Rotary Club? Do your kids go to school together, or play on the same team? An established relationship with a legislator can be extremely valuable. If you have that kind of relationship, will you please let me know ASAP? Thanks, my contact information is at the end of this report.

If you want to testify (in person or virtually) in support or opposition to any proposal at the Capitol, you can learn how by clicking [here](#). If you would like to submit written testimony, you can learn how by clicking [here](#). If you have questions or problems, feel free to contact me directly (my contact information is at the end of this report).

If you would like to offer your perspective or expertise to **NATA** on any of the proposals, please send your input to the **NATA** office by emailing **ADD EMAIL ADDRESS HERE**.

You can also register to track specific bills so you will know if they are scheduled for action. You can learn more about that process [here](#).

NATA PRIORITY BILLS (SO FAR)

On behalf of NATA, I follow bills which will, or may, have an impact on auto trades businesses. I also track bills with a general impact on business in Oregon. Below are links to both the industry-specific bills I am tracking, and the general businesses bills I am tracking (so far). Here is some information on just a couple of the major bills of interest:

[House Bill 2790](#) / [Bill Information](#)

Directs Department of Transportation to provide two days' notice to vehicle dealers and dismantlers before inspecting records unless department is responding to complaint.

This bill was introduced at the request of NATA

In the [Joint Transportation Committee](#)

(Do you know any of the committee members?)

[House Bill 3158 / Bill Information](#)

Imposes excise tax on retail sale of tires, privilege tax for engaging in business of providing nonroad diesel equipment, tax on use in Oregon of nonroad diesel equipment purchased out of state at retail, heavy equipment rental tax on rentals of nonroad diesel equipment, privilege tax on heavy-duty vehicles and license tax on dyed diesel for transfer to Clean Diesel Engine Fund.

Increases cap on grants or loans awarded from Clean Diesel Engine Fund for repower of nonroad diesel engine to 50 percent of certified costs. Directs Environmental Quality Commission to establish preference for grants and loans from fund for replacements, repowers or retrofits necessary to satisfy certain title and registration requirements for heavy- or medium-duty trucks powered by diesel engines. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

In the [House Committee on Climate Energy and Environment](#)

(Do you know any of the committee members?)

[Senate Bill 256 / Bill Information](#)

Prohibits person from knowingly or intentionally manufacturing, importing, distributing, offering for sale, selling or leasing or otherwise transferring, or installing or reinstalling counterfeit automobile supplemental restraint system component, nonfunctional airbag or object that does not comply with federal standard for make, model and year of motor vehicle. Punishes violation of Act as unlawful practice under Unlawful Trade Practices Act.

In the [Senate Committee on Judiciary](#)

(Do you know any of the committee members?)

[Senate Bill 512 / Bill Information](#)

Requires that fee for motor vehicle emission certificates of compliance issued after inspection that did not occur at department test station and did not use testing equipment owned by department not exceed lowest fee for other motor vehicle emissions certificates of compliance. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Introduced at the request of NATA

In the [Joint Transportation Committee](#)

(Do you know any of the committee members?)

[Senate Bill 780 / Bill Information](#)

Creates offense of unlawful fender height modifications. Punishes by maximum fine of \$500, unless commission of offense contributes to accident. Punishes by maximum fine of \$2,000 if commission of offense contributes to accident.

In the [Senate Committee on Judiciary](#)

(Do you know any of the committee members?)

WRAP UP FOR NOW

The politicians just got to town. They will be around for another five months. I will offer monthly updates. In the meantime, please stay tuned. **NATA** will send urgent updates if your help is needed in Salem. Your email, or phone call, could be pivotal in the success or failure of legislation. If you would like to visit with me, just reach out.

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