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“SB 1601A is a fix that could have been done by the Governor via executive order. Why she failed to fix this issue is unclear. As the Co Vice Chair of the Joint Transportation Committee, it is my understanding the intent is to allow the use of new transit funds from HB 2017 dedicated only for transit expansion to temporarily fund current operations during the Governor’s political pandemic executive orders regarding Covid-19 epidemic. For the record, this Senator is opposed to the content and application of the Governor’s orders as the proponent of two of the laws cited in the recent Oregon Supreme Court ruling. The second fix of this bill is to disallow violations (tickets) for expired drivers licenses, plates, and permits until the present political pandemic executive orders expire. Futuristic only not retroactive. Adjudication before a judge may still be required. Lastly, the bill merges two funds previously identified in HB 2017 transportation package. The bill is written quite strangely, but Senator Beyer the Co-Chair, and Carrier, and ODOT assure us the language is appropriate for these three intents despite no sunset clause. Why the Governor did not act is unknown, as she caused the DMV delays, is unknown. Yes vote.”