



The Industry Update

**A membership service of the Northwest Automotive Trades Association
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California Legislature Passes Metal Theft Bill – *Recycling Today Magazine* recently reported that the California state Assembly has passed two bills that address the issue of scrap metal theft in the state. The bills are SB 691 and AB 844. The bills passed both the Senate and the Assembly overwhelmingly.

"The Legislature is acting to shut these crooks down," said Senator Calderon (D-Montebello), sponsor of the Senate bill. "Senate Bill 691 includes important provisions that create disincentives to steal valuable metal, while placing additional requirements on recyclers and increased penalties on those who break the law."

The bill requires thumbprints of those selling copper, copper alloys, aluminum and stainless steel. Sellers must show government ID and proof of their current address. Recyclers who break the law face suspension or revocation of their business license, as well as increased fines and jail time. Senate Bill 691 is supported by a broad coalition, including the California Farm Bureau, utility companies, recyclers, law enforcement, various water districts, cities, and others. The ACLU is the sole opponent of the bill because of the thumb printing provision.

The Assembly approved the measure 68-0. Assemblymember Tom Berryhill has an identical bill, AB 844, which also was approved by the Senate. Assembly Bill 844, which has been sent to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, would also require photo identification and a thumbprint of the seller as well as a photograph of the materials being sold.

Tuesday, September 2, 2008

Florida considering proposal to adopt California's motor vehicle emissions standards, without ZEV provisions – Florida's Department of Environmental Protection has published its proposed rule to implement low emission and greenhouse gas standards for new mainstream passenger vehicles within the state, which would be identical to California's EPA-approved standards.

However, like Oregon, the zero emission vehicle (ZEV) provisions were not adopted. Florida follows Arizona, Oregon and Washington in not proposing super warranty regulations. Florida's legislature will still review the proposal during its 2009 session.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection articulated its belief that the "zero emission vehicle portion does not make sense for Florida and should not be adopted because the 'super warranty' for ZEVs would have a high economic impact on Florida consumers as well as our industry, both in finances and choice of repair."

SEMA, AAPEX (Automotive Aftermarket Industry Week), NACE (The World's Collision Repair Event) schedule for Las Vegas November 2 – 8 – Visit NATA's website <http://www.aboutnata.org> calendar page for details, times and dates.

Health Fund Board releases details for “Building a Healthy Oregon - Oregon's legislature should raise taxes on hospitals and health insurers to pay for health care for all children and add 100,000 low-income adults to the Oregon Health Plan (OHP), according to draft final recommendations of the Oregon Health Fund Board released this week. The plan also calls for the phase-in of universal health care within a decade, but contains only scant detail about how health care for all should be achieved. The Health Fund Board says extra spending from expanded medical provider taxes would reduce the state's uninsured population by a third, from 621,000 to about 416,000, by 2011. The new tax revenue could bring in around \$566 million over the next biennium, with an additional federal match of \$1 billion. Visit their website to read the draft for public review and comment, <http://healthfundboard.oregon.gov>

There are a number of ways for you to weigh in:

Ten Community Town Hall Forums around the state – Sept 8-18; 6:30-9pm

Presentation by Board and staff members on the plan's concepts: majority of time given to audience questions and comments. Town Hall style forums designed to encourage both feedback and dialogue. Guidelines - audience members asked to focus comments on concepts being presented; limit comments to no longer than 2 minutes per speaker to allow as many people as possible to speak. Comment cards will be distributed. Attendees may leave written testimony at the end of the evening.

Formal Public Testimony – Sept 30; noon – 5 pm

The Oregon Health Fund Board will devote its entire meeting to receiving public testimony, both oral and written.

Location: Kaiser Permanente
Town Hall
3704 N. Interstate
Portland, Oregon

Submitting written testimony/comments:

Email: ohfb.info@state.or.us

Mail: Oregon Health Fund Board
General Services Bldg
1225 Ferry St SE, 1st Floor
Salem, OR 97301

Deliver to: any “Building a Healthy Oregon” community town hall forum

The Autobody Roundtable is just around the corner, Sept. 17 - Discuss how to use the Ecological Business Certification Program as a route to compliance with the new Oregon Auto Body air regulation. Auto body companies will soon be subject to a new EPA air pollution regulation and new permitting requirements. An alternative to permitting for these shops is to become **EcoBiz**-certified. Certification not only ensures that a shop will have the necessary information and tools to be in compliance, but promotes practices that save money, increase safety and create business marketing advantages for the body shop.

Wednesday, September 17, 2008, 8 – 10 a.m. Kadel's Corporate Headquarters, 9350 SW Tigard Street, Tigard, OR 97223

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Have questions? Want more information? We are here for you!

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