

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	6 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Buckley, Gilman, Read, Smith G., Tomei, Beyer
Nays:	Butler
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	1/29, 2/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes issuance of lottery bonds up to \$100 million plus an additional amount established by the State Treasurer to pay bond-related costs for transportation projects funded from Multimodal Transportation Fund. Reduces allocation from 15 percent to 10 percent of net lottery proceeds to each of five defined regions. Modifies qualifications the Oregon Transportation Commission may consider in selecting transportation projects. Authorizes Commission to promulgate rules to determine whether transportation projects meet qualifications. Directs Commission to solicit recommendations from the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department prior to selecting marine projects. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Creation and use of Multimodal Transportation Fund
- Projects funded in the 2005-07 biennium
- Criteria used by Oregon Transportation Commission in selecting projects
- Advisory committees for each transportation mode in recommending project priorities
- Allocation guaranteed to each region; floor vs. cap

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Reduces allocation from 15 percent to 10 percent of net lottery proceeds to each of five defined regions. Authorizes Oregon Transportation Commission to promulgate rules to determine whether transportation projects meet qualifications. Adds qualifications for the Commission to consider in selecting transportation projects to include whether the project: improves access to jobs and sources of labor, results in economic benefit to State, connects elements of Oregon's transportation system. Deletes qualifications for Commission to consider to include whether the project: benefits or connects two or more modes of transportation, creates construction and permanent jobs in this state, and removes reference to statewide or regional projects (instead adding the language regarding connecting elements of Oregon's transportation system). Clarifies that matching funds may be from any source.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's non-highway transportation infrastructure includes: 96 general aviation airports and one international passenger/cargo airport; two major intercontinental railroads; 19 short-line railroads; 2,413 miles of railroad tracks; and 23 deep and shallow draft ports. The 2005 Legislative Assembly created a Multimodal Transportation Fund and authorized issuance of \$100 million in lottery revenue bonds to finance loans and grants to public bodies and private entities for air, marine, rail and public transit projects. During the 2005-07 biennium, the Oregon Transportation Commission selected 43 projects, from 103 applications, based recommendations from the State Aviation Board, freight advisory committee, and public transit advisory committee. Project applications were evaluated based on economic benefit, leverage of other funds, project readiness, and inter-modal benefits. HB 2278A authorizes issuance of an another \$100 million in lottery revenue bonds plus an additional amount established by the State Treasurer to pay bond-related costs for non-highway transportation projects funded from the Multimodal Transportation Fund.