

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. D. Edwards  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Verger

Revenue: Revenue statement issued

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 20 – 0 – 1

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Hanna, Jenson, Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields  
– Nays:  
– Exc:

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson, Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Whitsett  
– Nays:  
– Exc: Winters

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Meeting Date: 6/1/07

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**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 for the Oregon Transportation 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. Authorizes Commission to promulgate rules to determine whether transportation projects meet qualifications. Directs Commission to solicit recommendations from the region Economic and Community Development Department prior to selecting marine projects. Requires recipients of funds from the Multimodal Transportation Fund to pay 2% of the recipient's total project costs to fund a statewide multimodal study of the transportation system. Sunsets this provision on July 1, 2013. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Projects funded in the 2005-07 biennium
- Criteria used by Oregon Transportation Commission in selecting projects
- Reduced allocation guaranteed to each region from 15% to 10%

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Requires recipient of funds to pay 2% of the recipient's total project costs to fund a statewide multimodal study of the transportation system. Sunsets this provision on July 1, 2013.

**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.