

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 566

By COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “transportation” insert a period and delete the rest
2 of the line.

3 After line 2, insert:

4 “Whereas a strong transportation system is necessary for the economic vitality of this state; and

5 “Whereas this state and its political subdivisions do not have adequate resources to meet the
6 preservation, maintenance and modernization needs of the transportation system; and

7 “Whereas congestion in our transportation system has been demonstrated to have a significant
8 negative financial impact on the state’s citizens and businesses; and

9 “Whereas population growth predictions indicate significantly greater demands on our trans-
10 portation system; now, therefore,”.

11 Delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

12 **“SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Joint Interim Committee on Transportation, con-
13 sisting of 10 members appointed as follows:**

14 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint five members from among members of the
15 Senate.**

16 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members from among
17 members of the House of Representatives.**

18 **“(2) The interim committee shall:**

19 **“(a) Utilize the resources of the Road User Fee Task Force;**

20 **“(b) Consult key stakeholders and others as the interim committee finds necessary to
21 investigate, analyze and evaluate funding options to meet the transportation needs of local
22 and regional communities;**

23 **“(c) Analyze current statutes available to political subdivisions to address transportation
24 needs and explore modification or expansion of such statutes; and**

25 **“(d) Evaluate the creation of regional transportation utility districts or other regional
26 entities designed to address local and regional transportation needs.**

27 **“(3) A majority of the members of the interim committee constitutes a quorum for the
28 transaction of business.**

29 **“(4) Official action by the interim committee requires the approval of a majority of the
30 members of the interim committee.**

31 **“(5) The interim committee shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

32 **“(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
33 ment to become immediately effective.**

34 **“(7) The interim committee shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the
35 chairperson or of a majority of the members of the interim committee.**

1 “(8) The interim committee may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the interim
2 committee.

3 “(9) The interim committee shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner pro-
4 vided in ORS 192.245 no later than January 1, 2009.

5 “(10) The Legislative Administrator may employ persons necessary for the performance
6 of the functions of the interim committee. The Legislative Administrator shall fix the duties
7 and amounts of compensation of these employees. The interim committee shall use the ser-
8 vices of permanent legislative staff to the greatest extent practicable.

9 “(11) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
10 the interim committee in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws
11 relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the
12 interim committee consider necessary to perform their duties.

13 “SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Transportation Commission shall conduct a study and
14 evaluation of the following:

15 “(a) Real property owned by the Department of Transportation. The purpose of the study
16 is to determine how to maximize the return on the investments in these properties to en-
17 hance the resources in the State Highway Fund.

18 “(b) Oregon’s highway system, with input from highway users, local governments and the
19 Federal Highway Administration. The purpose of the study is to identify specific highway
20 projects required to reduce traffic congestion, improve freight mobility and enhance safety.

21 “(c) Projects of statewide significance that are capable of beginning construction during
22 the next two biennia.

23 “(2) The commission shall report its findings to the Joint Interim Committee on Trans-
24 portation on or before July 1, 2008.

25 “SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2007 Act are repealed on the date of the convening
26 of the next regular biennial legislative session.

27 “SECTION 4. Section 5 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle
28 Code.

29 “SECTION 5. (1) The driver of a vehicle commits the offense of failure to remove a ve-
30 hicle from the highway if, after an accident:

31 “(a) The driver has not suffered any apparent personal injury;

32 “(b) The vehicle is operable and does not require towing;

33 “(c) It is safe to drive the vehicle to a designated parking area along the highway or
34 shoulder of the highway; and

35 “(d) The driver does not move the vehicle to a designated parking area along the highway
36 or shoulder of the highway.

37 “(2) The offense described in this section, failure to remove a vehicle from the highway,
38 is a Class C traffic violation.”.