

# Senate Bill 899

Sponsored by Senator G GEORGE

## SUMMARY

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Prohibits Oregon Transportation Commission from reducing highway capacity except when safety requires reduction.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to highway capacity; amending ORS 366.215.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 366.215 is amended to read:

5 366.215. (1) The Oregon Transportation Commission may select, establish, adopt, lay out, locate,  
6 alter, relocate, change and realign primary and secondary state highways.

7 **(2) The commission may not reduce the vehicle-carrying capacity of a primary or sec-**  
8 **ondary state highway when altering, relocating, changing or realigning the highway unless**  
9 **safety considerations require the reduction of capacity.**

10 *[(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the commission may not permanently re-*  
11 *duce the vehicle-carrying capacity of an identified freight route when altering, relocating, changing or*  
12 *realigning a state highway unless safety or access considerations require the reduction.]*

13 *[(3) A local government, as defined in ORS 174.116, may apply to the commission for an exemption*  
14 *from the prohibition in subsection (2) of this section. The commission shall grant the exemption if it*  
15 *finds that the exemption is in the best interest of the state and that freight movement is not unreason-*  
16 *ably impeded by the exemption.]*

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.