

**75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee on Business and Transportation**

**MEASURE: HB 2956**  
**CARRIER: Sen. Verger**

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** George, Schrader, Starr, Verger, Metsger  
**Nays:** -  
**Exc.:** -  
**Prepared By:** Jim Stembridge, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 5/14

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires that requests for proposals and invitations to bid for construction, reconstruction, purchase, rent, lease, or acquisition of interstate bridges contain provisions related to environmental protection, worker safety, employment of apprentices, and preference for procuring products and materials fabricated in Oregon or Washington, for bridges between the states of Oregon and Washington; or preference for procuring products and materials fabricated in Oregon or Idaho, for bridges between the states of Oregon and Idaho.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Preferences for local materials and products
- Expenditure of job stimulus funds intended to benefit local economies
- Components of the Tacoma Narrows bridge that were fabricated in Korea
- Possible reciprocal provisions imposed by other states and resulting restrictions on competition
- Inapplicability to federally-funded projects
- Possibility of adding criteria on transportation costs and other environmental impacts when soliciting bids

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS chapter 381 governs the construction, acquisition and maintenance of interstate bridges under state jurisdiction between Washington and Oregon over the Columbia River (ORS 381.005 – 381.080) and between Idaho and Oregon over the Snake River (ORS 381.096 – 381.100). House Bill 2956 specifies that requests for proposals and bid invitations related to interstate bridges between Oregon and Washington and Oregon and Idaho under state jurisdiction include provisions, including: compliance with applicable laws related to environmental protection, worker health, and employment of apprentices; preference for procuring products and materials fabricated in Oregon and Washington (for bridges between those states) and Oregon and Idaho (for bridges between those states); ability to recycle materials used or the use of recycled materials; and proximity of fabrication of materials to the bridge site.

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