

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure (Print B-Eng.)

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: George, Schrader, Starr, Metsger

Nays: -

Exc.: Verger

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Meeting Dates: 5/18, 5/27, 5/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows cities to apply for extensions or submit alternatives if unable to meet transportation-funding requirements when amending comprehensive plans in compliance with the Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) of the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Prohibits Oregon Transportation Commission from defining criteria for local government to meet funding requirements of the TPR. Directs Oregon Department of Transportation to evaluate the Oregon Streetcar Project Fund to determine if funds are sufficient to purchase streetcars, and report to the legislative interim committees on transportation by January 1, 2010. Adds severability and operative date provisions for HB 2001-B, in case HB 2001-B is subject to referendum. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the measure and amendments
- Jaqua decision (Oregon Court of Appeals, 2004)
- Impacts of local land-use changes on state highways, including example in Sisters
- Four-year funding horizon of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- Twenty-year funding horizon required by the TPR
- Rulemaking authority of the Oregon Transportation Commission
- Lottery funds appropriated to the Oregon Streetcar Project Fund

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Prohibits Oregon Transportation Commission from defining criteria for local government to meet funding requirements of the TPR. Directs Oregon Department of Transportation to evaluate the Oregon Streetcar Project Fund to determine if funds are sufficient to purchase streetcars, and report to the legislative interim committees on transportation by January 1, 2010. Adds severability and operative date provisions for HB 2001-B, in case HB 2001-B is subject to referendum.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) is designed to ensure that the state's transportation system supports a pattern of travel and land use in urban areas that minimizes traffic, air pollution, and livability problems. The TPR promotes transportation systems and land uses that make it more convenient for people to walk, bicycle, or use transit to meet their daily travel needs, and to drive less. The TPR requires the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), metropolitan planning organizations, all counties, and all cities with populations over 2,500 to adopt transportation system plans with a 20-year horizon. Amendments to the TPR adopted in 2005 require that transportation projects necessitated by proposed zone changes be fully planned as well as supported by funding commitments to construct needed improvements within 15-20 years. House Bill 3379-B presents legislative findings related to the difficulties many communities have with complying with TPR funding requirements and eases the rule's restrictions on local land-use jurisdictions.

The 2007 Oregon Legislature created the Oregon Streetcar Project Fund for the purpose of financing grants to municipalities for purchase of contemporary rail-based streetcars used in public transit systems. The streetcars are to be purchased from an Oregon-owned and Oregon-based manufacturer. HB 3379-B requires an evaluation of the fund.

HB 3379-B also provides severability and operative date provisions for HB 2001-B, the transportation package, in case portions of the measure are subjected to referendum under Article IV, Section 1 (3) of the Oregon Constitution.

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