

**REVENUE:** Revenue statement issued

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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**Yeas:** George, Schrader, Starr, Verger, Metsger

**Nays:** -

**Exc.:** -

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes Multnomah County to impose tolls on bridges under its jurisdiction, or that it operates and maintains under City of Portland jurisdiction, that span the Willamette River.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Transportation revenues, congestion pricing, and user fees
- Authority to collect tolls on roads and bridges
- Prohibitive language in ORS 383.325(5)
- Purposes of possible fee collections

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Adds authority for Multnomah County to impose tolls on bridges that it operates and maintains under City of Portland jurisdiction that span the Willamette River.

**BACKGROUND:** Current statute (ORS 810.010) specifies that the Oregon Department of Transportation is the road authority for all state highways in this state including interstate highways, and that counties are the road authorities for all county roads outside the boundaries of an incorporated city. Eleven bridges currently span the Willamette River in Multnomah County. Two (Fremont and Markham) carry interstate highways; one carries a railroad; three (Ross Island, Steel, and St. Johns) carry state highways; and five (Broadway, Burnside, Morrison, Hawthorne, and Sellwood) are within the boundaries of the City of Portland but under the jurisdiction of Multnomah County. A twelfth bridge, the Sauvie Island Bridge crossing a portion of the Willamette River known as the Multnomah Channel, is also under Multnomah County jurisdiction.

The Sellwood Bridge, the only direct link between Lake Oswego/SW Portland and SE Portland/Milwaukie, is under the jurisdiction of Multnomah County. The 24-month-long planning for improvement/replacement of the Sellwood Bridge is in its final phases (see <http://www.sellwoodbridge.org/home.aspx>).