

Senate Bill 459

Sponsored by Senator METSGER

SUMMARY

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Creates Transportation Utility Board.
Sunsets January 2, 2012.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Transportation Utility Board.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is established within the Public Utility Commission the Transpor-**
5 **tation Utility Board, consisting of seven members. Five members shall be appointed by the**
6 **Governor and two members shall be appointed by the chairperson of the Public Utility**
7 **Commission.**

8 **(2) The board, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, the Public Utility**
9 **Commission, counties and cities, shall:**

10 **(a) Develop a common chart of accounts for revenues and expenditures;**

11 **(b) Develop, for use by all state, county and city transportation agencies in this state,**
12 **common descriptions for the condition of the transportation infrastructure;**

13 **(c) Estimate the total amount of revenue required by all jurisdictions in this state to**
14 **maintain, preserve and modernize the transportation system;**

15 **(d) Develop a conceptual framework for funding transportation services and facilities;**
16 **and**

17 **(e) Develop and adopt alternative rates for consumers to choose as an option to the**
18 **motor fuel tax and for use in congestion pricing pilot projects.**

19 **(3) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of**
20 **business.**

21 **(4) Official action by the board requires the approval of a majority of the members of the**
22 **board.**

23 **(5) The Governor shall designate one of the members of the board to serve as chair-**
24 **person.**

25 **(6) If there is a vacancy on the board for any cause, the appointing authority shall make**
26 **an appointment to become immediately effective.**

27 **(7) The board shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or**
28 **of a majority of the members of the board.**

29 **(8) The board may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the board.**

30 **(9) No later than December 1, 2010, the Public Utility Commission shall prepare a report**
31 **of board's activities for submission to the interim House and Senate committees related to**

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1 **transportation.**

2 (10) **Members of the board who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not**
3 **entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other**
4 **expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and**
5 **amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions**
6 **of the board shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Transportation for**
7 **purposes of the board.**

8 (11) **The Department of Transportation and the Public Utility Commission are directed**
9 **to assist the board in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws re-**
10 **lating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the board**
11 **consider necessary to perform their duties.**

12 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed on January 2, 2012.**

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