

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Beyer

Nays: 0

Exc.: Atkinson, Starr

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Meeting Dates: 2/1, 4/12, 4/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires that proceeds from Highway User Tax Bonds not necessary to complete the projects in statute be allocated to transportation projects approved by the Legislative Assembly. Authorizes counties over 350,000 in population to establish a registration fee to pay for replacement of the Sellwood Bridge. Allows registration fee funds to go to other projects beginning in 2013. Requires the Department of Transportation to consult with the legislative committees related to transportation before expending federal funds that provide economic stimulus on transportation projects. Requires the Director of Transportation to appoint an employee of the Department to participate in meeting held by the cooperating committee created pursuant to the Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement. Requires the Department of Transportation to pay any membership fee required by the Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Geographic distribution of funding for transportation projects
- Power of Legislative Assembly and Transportation Commission
- County population and ability to levy registration fees

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act (Chapter 865, Oregon Laws 2009) is a transportation funding package adopted by the 2009 Legislative Assembly (House Bill 2001). The law allocates funding for specific projects and to local jurisdictions. It includes a general description of each project and specifies an amount dedicated to each project. Since these items are listed in statute, any change to the descriptions of these projects or their budgets can only be accomplished via passage of a new law.