

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	6 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies the membership and powers of the Travel Information Council. Makes changes to the policy of the Oregon Motorist Information Act of 1971. Grants Council authority to erect and repair structures and to acquire and sell real and personal property. Repeals provisions that sunset the authority of the Travel Information Council over rest areas. Increases the number of rest areas over which the Travel Information Council has managerial authority and directs Department of Transportation to maintain ownership of those rest areas and enter into intergovernmental agreement with the Council for their management. Provides an increase in funds with moneys attributable to certain increases in fees and tax rates. Prohibits use of moneys originating from local transient lodging tax for management of rest areas under the Council’s jurisdiction. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Government Camp rest area
- Baldock rest area
- Potential for rest areas to be economic drivers for nearby communities
- Potential funding sources for rest area maintenance and operation
- Long-term trends for the Highway Trust Fund

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Travel Information Council (TIC), now known as Oregon Travel Experience, (OTE) was created by the Legislative Assembly in 1972 and is a semi-independent state agency that connects motorists with businesses through highway signs, rest area information kiosks, business listings on www.tripcheck.com and on the Statewide Interactive Heritage Map. OTE assumed management of nine rest areas in five locations in Oregon in 2010: I-5 at Wilsonville (both directions); I-5 south of Salem at Santiam (both directions); I-5 at Manzanita north of Grants Pass (both directions); I-84 at Boardman (both directions); and westbound on I-84 at Ontario.