

Senate Bill 831
Relating to highway construction workforce development

Senate Bill 831 directs the Department of Transportation to spend up to \$2.1 million of flexible federal funding on construction workforce diversity and apprenticeships. It continues the department's efforts to increase support for minority, women, and emerging small businesses in the construction trades. This is an increase of \$0.6 million from the prior biennium.

There is no fiscal impact. The measure redirects the additional support from other projects.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends Senate Bill 831 be amended and reported out do pass, as amended.

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Read
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Shields

Revenue:

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and be Printed A-Engrossed

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 25, 2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes amount of money received from federal government that Department of Transportation must expend to increase diversity in highway construction workforce and prepare individuals interested in entering highway construction workforce by conducting specified activities. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that one half of one percent, up to \$2.1 million, shall be expended to increase diversity in the highway construction workforce.

BACKGROUND: The bill aims to increase support for minority, women, and emerging small businesses in the construction trades. There has been broad rhetoric in support of this type of initiative.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 831-A

Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Changes amount of money received from federal government that Department of Transportation must expend to increase diversity in highway construction workforce and prepare individuals interested in entering highway construction workforce by conducting specified activities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See analysis.

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis: This bill would increase the amount of money used to increase diversity in the highway construction workforce and prepare individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in highway construction.

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. Any increase in funding for this program would be absorbed by other ODOT programs.

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(LC 3875)
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 831**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 7, restore the bracketed material and
2 delete the blank.

3 In line 8, delete "\$_____" and insert "\$2.1 million".

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