

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bentz, Cameron, Davis, Doherty, Gorsek, Lively, McKeown, Nathanson, Parrish, Read
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/4, 4/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Repeals portion of Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act of 2009 requiring Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to contract out all maintenance activities on certain state highway segments. Requires ODOT to terminate all existing contracts immediately, or as soon as feasible. Requires ODOT to perform all obligations and duties due under contract upon termination. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Efficient use of state dollars
- Life cycle of equipment
- Net savings to contract to discontinue project
- Performance-based contract
- Opt-out clause in contract
- Part of Jobs and Transportation Act
- Standard procedure for Oregon Department of Transportation to contract out work
- Prevailing wage
- Methodology used for developing pilot project
- Difference between construction and maintenance
- Request for Proposals process
- Outside entity vs. inside entity
- Need to work with private vendors in a more comprehensive manner
- Vendor pays more than Bureau of Labor and Industries

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2001 (2009), also known as the Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act, was a comprehensive transportation bill developed by the Governor’s Vision Committee. Five core principles were used in the development of the measure: economic development, local decision-making, sustainability, transparency and oversight, and statewide distribution. The measure included a number of studies and initiatives, including a pilot program that required the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to contract out all maintenance activities on a segment of state highway between 10 and 30 miles in length.

House Bill 2973 repeals the requirement that ODOT conduct a pilot program to contract out the maintenance of certain Oregon highways and requires ODOT to terminate all existing contracts as soon as possible. The measure requires ODOT to perform any duty or obligations found in the contract due upon termination.

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