

House Bill 2690

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Prohibits Department of Transportation from expending moneys for Columbia River Crossing Project until certain conditions are met.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Columbia River Crossing Project; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding any other law, after June 30, 2013, the Department of**
5 **Transportation may not expend moneys for any purpose related to the Columbia River**
6 **Crossing Project until the following occur:**

7 (a) **The United States Coast Guard issues a permit for the bridges.**

8 (b) **The Federal Transit Administration enters into a full funding grant agreement under**
9 **the New Starts program obligating the federal government to pay at least \$850 million toward**
10 **the costs of light rail transit as part of the Columbia River Crossing Project.**

11 (c) **The State Treasurer determines that the department has funds available or has funds**
12 **committed to cover all of Oregon's share of the costs of completing and operating the**
13 **Columbia River Crossing Project, including Oregon's share of any cost overruns, Oregon's**
14 **share of repayment and debt service on toll revenue bonds and Oregon's share of repayment**
15 **and debt service on bonds for any initial commitment of construction funds for the project,**
16 **and the State Treasurer gives written notice of that determination to the Oregon Transpor-**
17 **tation Commission and to:**

18 (A) **The Joint Committee on Ways and Means, if the determination is made during a**
19 **session of the Legislative Assembly; or**

20 (B) **The Emergency Board, if the determination is made during the interim between ses-**
21 **sions of the Legislative Assembly.**

22 (d) **The Oregon Transportation Commission certifies to the appropriate legislative com-**
23 **mittees that the department is able to complete the Columbia River Crossing Project while**
24 **providing at least the same level of funding for maintenance of the highways of this state**
25 **as was provided in the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and without forgoing the timely de-**
26 **livery of any of the existing transportation projects that the commission has committed to**
27 **implement as of the effective date of this 2013 Act.**

28 (2) **As used in this section, "Columbia River Crossing Project" means a bistate, multi-**
29 **modal corridor improvement project between the Washington State Route 500 interchange**
30 **with Interstate 5 in Vancouver, Washington, and the Victory Boulevard interchange with**
31 **Interstate 5 in Portland, Oregon. The project includes:**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 **(a) New multimodal river crossings;**
- 2 **(b) Replacement, modification and removal of the existing Interstate 5 bridges; and**
- 3 **(c) Multimodal improvements to facilitate travel in the bistate corridor.**

4 **SECTION 2. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
5 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**
6 **on its passage.**

7
