

# House Bill 2690

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK

## SUMMARY

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(B) The Emergency Board, if the determination is made during the interim between sessions of the Legislative Assembly.

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

(2) As used in this section, "Columbia River Crossing Project" means a bistate, multi-modal corridor improvement project between the Washington State Route 500 interchange with Interstate 5 in Vancouver, Washington, and the Victory Boulevard interchange with 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.

- (a) New multimodal river crossings;**
  - (b) Replacement, modification and removal of the existing Interstate 5 bridges; and**
  - (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.