

House Bill 2918

Sponsored by Representatives NATHANSON, GREENLICK; Representatives BARKER, BARNHART, DOHERTY, FREDERICK, GELSER, Senators EDWARDS, MONROE

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**.

Permits Department of Transportation to enter into agreements with transportation departments in Washington State and British Columbia regarding Cascades Rail Corridor.

Directs Department of Transportation to biennially submit report to Legislative Assembly on status of agreements and other items regarding corridor.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Cascades Rail Corridor; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas it is in the interest of this state to manage the development and operation of passenger
4 rail services within the Cascades Rail Corridor between Eugene, Oregon, and Vancouver, British
5 Columbia, cooperatively with the State of Washington and the Province of British Columbia; now,
6 therefore,

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) **The Department of Transportation may enter into agreements with the**
9 **Washington State Department of Transportation and the British Columbia Ministry of**
10 **Transportation and Infrastructure to:**

11 (a) **Develop a plan to document the shared vision, goals and objectives for passenger rail**
12 **service within the Cascades Rail Corridor.**

13 (b) **Develop a plan to achieve performance goals, manage fleet assets, share costs, pri-**
14 **oritize investments and resolve interagency disputes.**

15 (c) **Propose funding options to the respective legislative bodies to support the operation**
16 **of passenger trains within the corridor.**

17 (d) **Develop a stakeholder outreach program.**

18 (e) **Oversee operations and marketing of daily passenger rail service in the corridor.**

19 (2) **The Department of Transportation may enter into agreements with the Washington**
20 **State Department of Transportation to coordinate state rail plans.**

21 (3) **The Department of Transportation shall maintain a minimum level of daily service in**
22 **the Oregon portion of the Cascades Rail Corridor consisting of two daily round trips between**
23 **Eugene and Portland.**

24 **SECTION 2.** **Before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Department of Transpor-**
25 **tation shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 about**
26 **the following:**

27 (1) **The status of agreements with the Washington State Department of Transportation**
28 **and the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the Cas-**
29 **cades Rail Corridor.**

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 **(2) The performance of passenger rail service within the corridor.**

2 **(3) The financial status of the corridor and financial needs for passenger rail service**
3 **within the corridor.**

4 **SECTION 3.** **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.**

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