

REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
Vote:	9 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Bentz, Davis, Doherty, Gorsek, Lively, McKeown, Nathanson, Parrish, Read
Nays:	Cameron
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Patrick Brennan, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases number of vehicles in road usage charge pilot project from 5,000 to 10,000, effective July 1, 2015. Removes limitation on funds received from other states and provinces participating in pilot project effective July 1, 2015. Revises loaded weight table for vehicles and vehicle combinations operating under variance permit with distance between first and last axles exceeding 18 feet by adding categories for vehicles and vehicle combinations with six, seven and eight axles. Transfers moneys between projects funded under House Bill 2001 (2009). Reallocates unspent bond proceeds authorized under House Bill 2041 (2003). Requires negotiation between Multnomah County, Washington County and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for transfer of jurisdiction of Cornelius Pass Road. Requires negotiation between Crook County, Deschutes County and ODOT for transfer of jurisdiction of George Millican Road. Requires ODOT to add roads transferred to state highway system. Requires report to Legislative Assembly on jurisdictional transfers. Reduces allocation to ODOT for project development of Outer Powell Boulevard project in Multnomah County from \$4.9 million to \$3 million and allocates remaining \$1.9 million for expenditure on pedestrian facilities in east Multnomah County and north Clackamas County. Designates portion of U.S. 26 within the Warm Springs Reservation the Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway. Authorizes ODOT to accept moneys from veterans groups to install markers; prohibits use of public funds for installation or maintenance of markers. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of committee amendment
- Reallocation of funds left over from Oregon Transportation Improvement Act program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Reallocates unspent bond proceeds authorized under House Bill 2041 (2003). Requires negotiation between Multnomah County, Washington County and ODOT for transfer of jurisdiction of Cornelius Pass Road. Requires negotiation between Crook County, Deschutes County and ODOT for transfer of jurisdiction of George Millican Road. Requires ODOT to add roads transferred to state highway system. Requires report to Legislative Assembly on jurisdictional transfers. Reduces allocation to ODOT for project development of Outer Powell Boulevard project in Multnomah County from \$4.9 million to \$3 million and allocates remaining \$1.9 million for expenditure on pedestrian facilities in east Multnomah County and north Clackamas County. Designates portion of U.S. 26 within the Warm Springs Reservation the Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway. Authorizes Department to accept moneys from veterans groups to install markers; prohibits use of public funds for installation or maintenance of markers.

BACKGROUND: The Road User Fee Task Force (RUFTF) was established by the 2001 Legislative Assembly to study revenue options and recommend a replacement for the current road tax system, which consists of a combination of motor vehicle fuel taxes and weight-mile taxes. RUFTF was created out of concern that the gas tax is a declining revenue source over the long term, while road maintenance and modernization costs continue to rise. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) conducted two pilot projects to examine the potential for utilizing a road usage charge that allows drivers to pay for the miles they drive on public roads; the second pilot project was conducted in 2012-13. Senate Bill 810 (2013) established a voluntary program for up to 5,000 vehicles to pay a per-mile charge in lieu of motor fuel taxes. Senate Bill 1502-B increases to 10,000 the total number of vehicles that may choose to participate.

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Senate Bill 1502-B also provides a revised system for determining loaded weight allowances for vehicle combinations. These tables typically apply to self-loading log trucks that utilize an onboard crane for loading. Previously, these trucks were issued two separate permits; the measure allows a process by which the trucks can be covered under a single permit. House Bill 2001 (2009), also known as the Jobs and Transportation Act, made allocations to 37 specified transportation projects throughout Oregon.

Senate Bill 1543 (2012) directed ODOT to report annually to the Legislative Assembly outlining the moneys available for reallocation between the funded projects. Senate Bill 1502-B makes changes to the statutory funding for several of these projects. The measure also reallocates unspent funds from the third iteration of the Oregon Transportation Investment Act (House Bill 2041, 2003).

In addition, Senate Bill 1502-B requires ODOT to enter into negotiations for possible jurisdictional transfer of two highway segments for potential addition to the state highway system. The first of these is Cornelius Pass Road, currently under the jurisdiction of Multnomah County and Washington County; the second is George Millican Road, currently under jurisdiction of Crook County and Deschutes County. As part of the negotiation, segments of the state highway system within the applicable counties will be transferred to county jurisdiction and removed from the state highway system. The measure requires a report to the Legislative Assembly regarding the jurisdictional transfers during the 2015 Legislative Session.

Finally, Senate Bill 1502-B designates the portion of U.S. Highway 26 that is within the Warm Springs Reservation as the Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway. ODOT is to place markers accordingly on that segment of the highway; these markers are to be wholly funded by moneys provided by veterans groups.