

HB 2274

Relating to transportation funding

HB 2274 makes changes to the ConnectOregon multi-modal transportation funding program. It changes the name of the Multimodal Transportation Fund to the Connect Oregon Fund. It revises the definition of “transportation project” to include marine projects, and clarifies that the definition does not include the operating costs or purchases of vehicles. It deletes the provisions for making loans from the Fund, and increases the requirement for matching funds from 20 percent to 30 percent of a project’s cost. It includes as part of a project’s selection criteria whether the project has a useful life expectancy that offers maximum benefit to the State. It prohibits the director of the Oregon Department of Transportation from appointing a member of the final project review committee who has applied for project funding or who has a direct financial interest in an application under final review.

The amendment clarifies that “transportation projects” as defined in the bill do not include purchases or operating expenses of bicycles.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 2274 be amended by the -A6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.