

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Transportation and Economic Development

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date: 04/17/15

Action: Do Pass And Be Referred To Ways And Means By Prior Reference

Meeting Dates: 04/06, 04/17

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Bentz, Davis, Gorsek, Lively, McKeown, McLain

Exc: 1 - Hack

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Infrastructure Matching Fund allowing the Department of Transportation to provide grants to local governments for transportation projects. Directs the Department to create an Infrastructure Matching Program to provide matching grants to local governments with moneys from the Fund. Appropriates \$25 million from the General Fund for purposes of the program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Comparison to the *ConnectOregon* program
- Similar programs for other types of infrastructure
- Uncertainty of the future of federal transportation funding

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3256 establishes an Infrastructure Matching Fund to allow the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) to pursue a competitive grant program through which local governments may receive matching fund grants for up to 50 percent of the total cost of a transportation project. The measure allocates \$25 million from the General Fund as startup moneys for the Fund.