

Enrolled
House Bill 3401

Sponsored by Representatives NATHANSON, GREENLICK; Representatives BARNHART, GOMBERG, Senators EDWARDS, GELSER, MONROE, SHIELDS

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to rail transportation efficiency; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall study and make recommendations on options for improving on-time performance of passenger rail. As part of the study, the department shall:

- (a) Examine modern dispatch systems and protocols;
- (b) Identify infrastructure and technology that will improve on-time performance; and
- (c) Seek and identify potential federal and state funding sources for passenger rail.

(2) When studying and making recommendations on options as provided under this section, the department shall consult with railroads, as defined in ORS 824.020, and take into consideration federal and state laws, rules and regulations.

(3) The department shall report the results of the study required by this section, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than November 30, 2015.

SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Transportation shall study and make recommendations on options to optimize ridership on passenger trains. As part of the study, the department shall develop a proposed schedule for trains and buses used by passenger rail carriers.

(2) When studying and making recommendations on options as provided under this section, the department shall consider federal and state laws, rules and regulations.

(3) The department shall report the results of the study required by this section, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than November 30, 2015.

SECTION 3. (1) The Department of Transportation shall develop and implement a passenger rail plan for the purposes of increasing ridership on passenger trains and increasing ticket revenue. The passenger rail plan must include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) A marketing strategy.
- (b) Strategies for boosting ridership.
- (c) Strategies for boosting tourism through the use of passenger rail.

(2) The department may coordinate with other state agencies to develop the plan.

SECTION 4. The Department of Transportation shall provide a summary of the passenger rail plan required by section 3 of this 2015 Act, and may include recommendations for legis-

lation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than November 30, 2015.

SECTION 5. The Department of Transportation shall submit a quarterly report on the performance of passenger rail to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation in the manner provided under ORS 192.245. The report must include a summary of the number of passengers utilizing passenger rail and on-time performance for the previous quarter.

SECTION 6. Sections 1, 2 and 4 of this 2015 Act are repealed on January 2, 2016.

SECTION 7. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

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