

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3401**

1 Delete lines 4 through 19 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall study and**
3 **make recommendations on options for improving on-time performance**
4 **of passenger rail and options for reducing delays for freight trains.**
5 **As part of the study, the department shall:**

6 **“(a) Examine the feasibility of modernizing dispatch systems and**
7 **protocols to dispatch and better coordinate passenger trains and**
8 **freight trains;**

9 **“(b) Identify infrastructure improvements that will improve on-time**
10 **performance; and**

11 **“(c) Seek and identify potential federal and state funding sources**
12 **for passenger rail.**

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

16 **“(3) The department shall report the results of the study required**
17 **by this section, and may include recommendations for legislation, to**
18 **the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to trans-**
19 **portation in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than**
20 **November 30, 2015.**

21 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Transportation shall study and**
22 **make recommendations on options to optimize ridership on passenger**

1 trains. As part of the study, the department shall develop a proposed
2 schedule for trains and buses used by passenger rail carriers.

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

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

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

15 “(a) A marketing strategy.

16 “(b) Strategies for boosting ridership.

17 “(c) Strategies for boosting tourism through the use of passenger
18 rail.

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

21 **“SECTION 4.** The Department of Transportation shall provide a
22 summary of the passenger rail plan required by section 3 of this 2015
23 Act, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim
24 committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation in
25 the manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than November 30,
26 2015.

27 **“SECTION 5.** The Department of Transportation shall submit a
28 quarterly report on the performance of passenger rail to the interim
29 committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation in
30 the manner provided under ORS 192.245. The report must include a

1 summary of the number of passengers utilizing passenger rail and
2 on-time performance for the previous quarter.

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

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

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