

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: **JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/8, 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Specifies that a newly-constructed bridge across the Columbia River as part of an extension of Oregon Route 35 near Hood River is designated as part of Oregon Route 35 to the center of the river channel. Specifies that a transit district may use certain sources of funds for a secondary transit supportive system.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Federal FAST Act funding and state highway designation
- Federal FAST Act allowance for heavier truck weights
- TriMet using its bonding capacity to assist partners in completing projects
- TriMet’s financial standing

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] Increases, from 400 pounds to 550 pounds, the amount by which a vehicle equipped with fully functional idle reduction system may exceed maximum weight limitation under ORS 818.010. Provides exemption from maximum vehicle weight limitations under ORS 818.010 for vehicles that use natural gas as a fuel source, provided the vehicle does not exceed the limitation by more than 2,000 pounds.

[no fiscal impact, revenue lite impact on measure with -1 amendment]

[-3 amendment] Deletes provisions related to designation of Columbia River bridges.

[no fiscal impact, revenue lite impact on measure with -1 amendment]

[-4 amendment] Applies restriction on operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile communication device to apply also to mobile electronic devices for voice messaging, playing music or games, accessing the Internet, and composing or reading electronic mail. Applies to offenses committed on or after the measure’s effective date.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 1510 designates interstate bridges across the Columbia River near Hood River that are part of an extension of Oregon Route 35, as well as connecting approaches, as part of the National Highway System. The Port of Hood River is seeking the designation in order to qualify for federal funding through the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects Program that was included in the federal FAST Act of 2015. The State of Washington made a similar statutory designation in 1997 for the northern half of the Hood River Bridge and its connection to Washington State Route 14.