

**SB 454 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Business and Transportation**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 3/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Department of Transportation to establish the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area highway improvement program.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area extends along the portion of the lower Columbia River that forms the border between Oregon and Washington state from just west of Biggs to just east of Troutdale. It encompasses the cities of The Dalles, Mosier, Hood River, Cascade Locks, Bridal Veil and Corbett on Interstate 84. Washington State Route 14 follows the course of the Columbia River on its north side.