

SB 798 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes a State Transportation Donation Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in the Fund to the Department of Transportation for purposes specified in the gift or donation or, if no specific purpose is provided, for transportation projects selected by the Oregon Transportation Commission.

NOTE: MEASURE HAS A SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO JOINT WAYS AND MEANS

FISCAL:

REVENUE:

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) is the state entity responsible for establishing transportation policy for the State of Oregon, as well as guiding the planning, development and management of the state's transportation network. The Commission is comprised of five members, appointed by the Governor. The Commission oversees the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) with regard to activities related to highways, public transit, rail, transportation safety, motor carrier transportation and drivers and motor vehicles.

Senate Bill 798 creates a State Transportation Donation Fund to accept gifts and donations to the Department of Transportation. Moneys in the fund will be used to generate profits, dividends and interest, which in turn will be allocated to transportation projects as specified by the donor. In the event that gifts are made with no designation, moneys will be allocated to projects identified by the OTC.