

HB 2749 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Port of Hood River and the Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of replacing the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge; authorizes issuance of \$5 million in lottery bonds to finance the study. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The Hood River-White Salmon Bridge crosses the Columbia River at Hood River and provides access to the communities of White Salmon and Bingen, Washington. The bridge was built in 1924 and rebuilt in 1938, when the construction of the Bonneville Dam caused water levels to rise and made the addition of a lift span necessary. In 1950, the Port of Hood River purchased the bridge and currently charges a toll on the bridge. It is estimated the cost of bridge replacement is \$250 million.