

**HB 3231 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Transportation Policy**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows governing bodies of cities and counties to jointly form district for the purposes acquisition, design, construction, reconstruction, installation, operation, and maintenance of limited- access public highway projects. Outlines requirements for cities and counties to conduct hearings, hold elections, establish boundaries, and formation of board of directors to create special district. Describes conditions under which county may deny or approve application for limited-access public highway. Clarifies proposed special district may enter into contracts and intergovernmental agreements; exercise eminent domain; assess, levy, and collects property taxes; enter into public-private partnerships; and issue and sell revenue bonds.

**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:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Increased congestion in the Portland-Metropolitan area has resulted in a movement of vehicle traffic from I-5 and I-205 to local arterials to bypass congestion on the main north-south highways. This measure would allow local cities and counties a method to form a special district to establish a toll way and provide means to pay for the construction and acquisition of the toll way to relieve local congestion and provide an alternative north-south route to connect with I-5 and I-205.