

SB 38 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Transportation Policy

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Transportation to reallocate moneys for transportation projects funded by the Jobs and Transportation Act (House Bill 2001, 2009) upon project if there is money remaining from the statutory allocation. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Assembly allocated \$960.3 million to specified state highway projects and specified moneys for local highway projects as part of the Jobs and Transportation Act (JTA, House Bill 2001, 2009). Because the JTA designated projects by name, and specific allocations to each project, in statute, subsequent legislative actions have been required to transfer leftover funds from projects that had been completed and were under budget. Subsequent legislative actions have made such transfers, authorized the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) to transfer unused funds between JTA projects, and directed OTC to review JTA projects and recommend additional transfers once projects are completed.

The last measure to make such reallocations was House Bill 4048 (2016), which made two reallocations: transferring \$3.5 million from the project at the intersection of Interstate 5 and Highway 214 to the project on Interstate 5 at Kuebler Boulevard (Phase I); and allocating any additional remaining balance from the Interstate 5/Highway 214 interchange to the project on U.S. 101 at State Highway 6.

Senate Bill 38 directs OTC to make reallocations from JTA-funded projects as they are completed to projects that are not specified within the JTA but that leverage federal funds, or projects located in the same region as the completed project.