

**SB 798 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Business and Transportation**

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**Action Date:** 03/20/17

**Action:** Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes a State Transportation Donation Fund and continuously appropriates moneys from the Fund to the Department of Transportation. Specifies that moneys in the Fund received as gifts or donations must be expended as directed by the grantor or, if no specified purpose is provided, for transportation projects selected by the Oregon Transportation Commission.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Reasons persons might make donation to Fund
- Donations received previously by Oregon Department of Transportation

**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 relating to highways, public transit, rail, transportation safety, motor carrier transportation, 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.