

HB 2288 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Transportation Policy

Action Date: 04/12/17

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 7-2-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Evans, McKeown, McLain, Meek, Noble, Vial, Witt

Nays: 2 - Barreto, Wilson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes issuance of lottery bonds for the ConnectOregon program. Allocates at least 10 percent of proceeds to each of five regions, to the extent projects qualify. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Subsidies of transit users by non-users
- Return on investment by Class 1 railroads
- ConnectOregon as model for public-private partnerships

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, the Oregon Legislative Assembly created the Multimodal Transportation Fund, later renamed the ConnectOregon Fund, to invest in air, marine, rail and public transit infrastructure improvements. A total of \$431 million, including \$71 million in the Governor's 2017-19 budget proposal, has been made available through ConnectOregon phases I through VI; the state received a total of 6,038 project applications requesting approximately over \$900 million in grants and loans, leading to a total of 279 funded projects.