

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 454 - A

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Transportation to establish Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area highway improvement program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Summary of Revenue Impact: See Analysis

Analysis:

SB 454-A directs ODOT to Establish the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area highway improvement program, and to select and undertake projects that improve the highway system within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

The bill specifies that at a minimum ODOT must perform the following duties:

- Add a westbound lane and an on-ramp to Exit 47 on Interstate 84;
- Provide matching funds to local communities when matching funds are necessary to receive federal funding to improve highways in the area;
- Improve existing highways to allow emergency services access in and out of the area;
- Create a weight station in Cascade Locks and improve access to the weigh station located on Southeast Frontage Road in Cascade Locks;
- Improve the Bridge of the Gods, including adding bicycles and pedestrian facilities; and
- Develop and implement a comprehensive Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area transportation plan.

At this time, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) believes that the ramifications of this measure are not fully understood by state agencies and therefore the fiscal impact cannot be determined.

However, ODOT has indicated that the cost to “create a weigh station in Cascade Locks” would cost approximately \$1,500,000 to construct the weigh station, and approximately \$300,000 per biennium in Personal Services and Services and Supplies costs.