

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2749**

Ordered by the House April 7  
Including House Amendments dated April 7

Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON, Senator THOMSEN; Representative HUFFMAN

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Directs Port of Hood River[, *in collaboration with Department of Transportation,*] to study feasibility of replacing Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge. [*Directs department to enter into grant agreement with port to reimburse port for expenses of study.*]

Authorizes issuance of \$5 million in lottery bonds to finance study. **Directs Department of Transportation to distribute proceeds of lottery bonds to port for purposes of study.**

[*Establishes Hood River Bridge Study Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Department of Transportation for specified purposes.*]

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Port of Hood River shall conduct a study of the feasibility of re-**  
5 **placing the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge. The study must evaluate:**

6 (a) **Environmental impacts;**

7 (b) **Engineering requirements and design and construction options;**

8 (c) **Costs and financing options; and**

9 (d) **Project delivery methods and schedules.**

10 (2) **The port shall report the findings of the study to the interim committees of the**  
11 **Legislative Assembly related to transportation no later than December 31, 2018. The report**  
12 **must include recommendations for the next steps to be taken toward funding and con-**  
13 **structing a replacement bridge.**

14 **SECTION 2. (1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, at the request of the Depart-**  
15 **ment of Transportation, the State Treasurer is authorized to issue lottery bonds pursuant**  
16 **to ORS 286A.560 to 286A.585 in an amount that produces \$5 million in net proceeds and in-**  
17 **terest earnings for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section, plus an additional**  
18 **amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be necessary to pay bond-related costs.**

19 (2) **Net proceeds of lottery bonds issued under this section in an amount sufficient to**  
20 **provide \$5 million in net proceeds and interest earnings must be transferred to the Depart-**  
21 **ment of Transportation for deposit in the DOT Economic Development Distributions Fund**  
22 **established in ORS 461.557 for distribution to the Port of Hood River for the purposes of**  
23 **carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2017 Act.**

24 (3) **Lottery bonds authorized under this section must be issued no later than June 30,**  
25 **2018.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1       **(4) The Legislative Assembly finds that the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge**  
2 **is a vital component in the economy of the Hood River region due to its essential role in the**  
3 **movement of consumers and freight, and that replacement of the bridge will lead to in-**  
4 **creased business in the Hood River region and improved freight mobility. The Legislative**  
5 **Assembly thereby finds that the use of lottery bonds will create jobs and facilitate and en-**  
6 **courage economic development.**

7       **SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
8 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**  
9 **on its passage.**

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