

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2749

By COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION POLICY

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

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

4 **“(a) Environmental impacts;**

5 **“(b) Engineering requirements and design and construction options;**

6 **“(c) Costs and financing options; and**

7 **“(d) Project delivery methods and schedules.**

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

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

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

22 **“(3) Lottery bonds authorized under this section must be issued no later than June 30,**
23 **2018.**

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

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