

House Bill 2749

Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON, Senator THOMSEN

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 **as introduced**.

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.

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, in collaboration with the Department of**
5 **Transportation, conduct a study of the feasibility of replacing the Hood River-White Salmon**
6 **Interstate Bridge. The study must evaluate:**

7 (a) **Environmental impacts;**

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

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

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

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

15 **SECTION 2. The Port of Hood River and the Department of Transportation shall, as soon**
16 **as practicable but no later than December 31, 2017, enter into a grant agreement that:**

17 (1) **Outlines methods by which the port and the department will collaborate to conduct**
18 **the study described in section 1 of this 2017 Act;**

19 (2) **Outlines the project development work necessary for the study;**

20 (3) **Provides that the department will issue grants to the port to reimburse the port for**
21 **expenses incurred in conducting the study, including expenses incurred before the proceeds**
22 **of the lottery bonds authorized in section 3 of this 2017 Act are disbursed, contingent on**
23 **satisfactory progress and documentation by the port and subject to applicable law and any**
24 **pertinent bond requirements; and**

25 (4) **Establishes a schedule for grant payments that begins payments as soon as practica-**
26 **ble after the grant agreement is executed or after lottery bonds authorized under section 3**
27 **of this 2017 Act are issued, whichever is later.**

28 **SECTION 3. (1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, at the request of the Depart-**

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 ment of Transportation, the State Treasurer is authorized to issue lottery bonds pursuant
 2 to ORS 286A.560 to 286A.585 in an amount that produces \$5 million in net proceeds and in-
 3 terest earnings for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section, plus an additional
 4 amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be necessary to pay bond-related costs.

5 (2) Net proceeds of lottery bonds issued under this section in an amount sufficient to
 6 provide \$5 million in net proceeds and interest earnings must be transferred to the Depart-
 7 ment of Transportation for deposit in the Hood River Bridge Study Fund, established in
 8 section 4 of this 2017 Act, to be used for the purposes described in section 4 of this 2017 Act.

9 (3) Lottery bonds authorized under this section must be issued no later than June 30,
 10 2018.

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

17 SECTION 4. (1) The Hood River Bridge Study Fund is established in the State Treasury,
 18 separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Hood River Bridge
 19 Study Fund shall be credited to the fund. The fund consists of moneys deposited into the fund
 20 under section 3 of this 2017 Act and may include moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited
 21 or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise and interest earned on
 22 moneys in the fund.

23 (2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Transporta-
 24 tion to be used:

25 (a) To issue grants to the Port of Hood River under the grant agreement described in
 26 section 2 of this 2017 Act; and

27 (b) To pay for expenses incurred by the department in complying with sections 1 and 2
 28 of this 2017 Act.

29 SECTION 5. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
 30 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
 31 on its passage.
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