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Senate Bill 454

Ordered by the Senate April 20
Including Senate Amendments dated April 20

Sponsored by Senator THOMSEN (Pre-session filed.)

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to highways within Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section the "Columbia River Gorge National Scenic**
5 **Area" means the area designated in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, P.L.**
6 **99-663.**

7 **(2) The Department of Transportation shall establish the Columbia River Gorge National**
8 **Scenic Area highway improvement program. The purpose of the program is to select and**
9 **undertake projects that improve the highway system within the Columbia River Gorge Na-**
10 **tional Scenic Area. In developing the program the department may consult with the State**
11 **of Washington and any local government or any local service district, as those terms are**
12 **defined in ORS 174.116, located within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.**

13 **(3) At a minimum the department shall perform the following duties:**

14 **(a) Add a westbound lane and an on-ramp at Exit 47 on Interstate 84.**

15 **(b) Provide matching funds to local communities when matching funds are necessary to**
16 **receive federal funding to improve highways in the area.**

17 **(c) Improve existing highways to allow emergency services access in and out of the area.**

18 **(d) Create a weigh station in Cascade Locks and improve access to the weigh station lo-**
19 **cated on Southeast Frontage Road in Cascade Locks.**

20 **(e) Improve the Bridge of the Gods, including adding bicycle and pedestrian facilities.**

21 **(f) Develop and implement a comprehensive Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area**
22 **transportation plan. The plan must address traffic mitigation, methods for improving traffic**
23 **safety and environmental protection issues.**

24 **(4) The department may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.**
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