

HB 4064 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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Meeting Dates: 2/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows counties with populations greater than 350,000 to utilize revenues from a county-imposed vehicle registration fee for bridges without distributing a portion of the fee to cities within the county. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Measure has no fiscal impact

Measure has no revenue impact

House Floor vote: 51-6

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Multnomah County's Board of Commissioners adopted a local vehicle registration fee to fund a replacement for the Sellwood Bridge. The original bridge, constructed in 1925 as a replacement for the Spokane Street Ferry, had been evaluated and assessed a rating of two one a 1-to-100 scale, resulting in it being weight-limited and considered a significant risk to collapse into the Willamette River in the event of a major earthquake. It was also functionally obsolete, having been built with two narrow lanes, no shoulders, and just a single narrow sidewalk. The new bridge was financed by a \$19/year registration fee for vehicles registered within Multnomah County, assessed on top of the existing state vehicle registration fee. Authority to impose the county registration fee was granted by the Legislative Assembly through passage of House Bill 2001 (2009), the Jobs and Transportation Act.