

HB 2846 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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Meeting Dates: 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Director of Transportation to require each region to conduct jurisdictional transfer evaluation and present findings to Joint Committee on Transportation by September 15, 2020. Sunsets January 2, 2021. Provides guidance for evaluation. Creates the Oregon Highway Jurisdictional Transfer Fund.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Directs the Oregon Transportation Commission to conduct an evaluation to identify highways suitable for jurisdictional transfer in each of five enumerated regions in the state. Directs the Commission to develop guidelines to assist the Department of Transportation in collaborating with metropolitan planning organizations, counties, and cities in jointly managing highways identified as suitable for jurisdictional transfer but unlikely to be transferred before January 1, 2025. Requires Commission to submit report on how Department might be able to achieve flexibility to improve safety on highways in urban environments suitable for jurisdictional transfer and submit the report to interim legislative committees related to transportation by September 15, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

When a new highway is proposed and classified or an existing highway is reclassified, the Oregon Transportation Commission has to approve the classification and amend the Oregon Highway Plan. Classification of state highways must align with Federal Functional Classification. The Roadway Jurisdictional Transfer Process provides guidelines on transferring roads, including considering how the transfer impacts the entire statewide system and functionality. Jurisdictional transfers include transferring roadways from one authority, such as the Department of Transportation, to another, such as a local government. House Bill 2017 (2017) outlined jurisdictional transfers in the Portland Metro and Lane County.

House Bill 2846 requires each region to conduct jurisdictional transfer evaluations and identifies criteria for the evaluation. The measure directs the director of the Department of Transportation to present findings to Joint Committee on Transportation by September 15, 2020. House Bill 2846 establishes the Oregon Highway Jurisdictional Transfer Fund.