

HB 3378 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Natural Resources

Action Date: 04/09/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Barreto, Gorsek, McKeown, Reardon, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$1,500,000 from General Fund to Department of Administrative Services for distribution to Port of Cascade Locks for engineering and design work to add a bicycle and pedestrian lane to the Bridge of the Gods. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Bridge safety
- Use of bridge
- Federal support for bridge repair

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Specifies distribution to the Port of Cascade Locks for engineering and design work to add a bicycle and pedestrian lane to the Bridge of the Gods.

BACKGROUND:

The Bridge of the Gods is a toll bridge that spans the Columbia River connecting SR-15 in Washington to I-84 in Oregon. It is part of the Pacific Crest Trail, open to pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and owned and operated by the Port of Cascade Locks in the city of Cascade Locks, Oregon. Vehicle crossings average about 1.6 million annually. In 2018, over 7,000 hikers used the bridge crossing.

House Bill 3378 A appropriates \$1,500,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services for distribution to the Port of Cascade Locks to fund engineering and design work necessary to add a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian lane across the Bridge of the Gods.