

House Bill 3378

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SUMMARY

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Appropriates moneys to add bicycle and pedestrian lane to Bridge of the Gods.
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Bridge of the Gods; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas the Bridge of the Gods is a key regional transportation link in north central Oregon
4 and the Columbia River Gorge; and

5 Whereas the seismic resiliency of the bridge is critical to the transportation infrastructure of
6 the region; and

7 Whereas hiking and biking are key components of the recreation-based economy in the region;
8 and

9 Whereas the State of Oregon and the federal government are investing significant resources in
10 expanding biking opportunities in the Columbia River Gorge; and

11 Whereas the Pacific Crest Trail crosses the Columbia River on the Bridge of the Gods and in
12 2018 over 7,000 hikers used the bridge crossing; and

13 Whereas hikers and bikers must share the narrow 1926 bridge with vehicular traffic; and

14 Whereas there does not exist a safe passageway for hikers and bikers to cross the Columbia
15 River between Portland and The Dalles; now, therefore,

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

17 **SECTION 1.** **In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
18 **ated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July**
19 **1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,500,000, for distribution to the Port of**
20 **Cascade Locks for the purpose of adding a bicycle and pedestrian lane to the Bridge of the**
21 **Gods.**

22 **SECTION 2.** **This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
23 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
24 **July 1, 2019.**

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