

# House Bill 3019

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## 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 **as introduced**.

Directs Port of Hood River to prepare and submit report making recommendations for legislation regarding replacing Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge to Joint Committee on Transportation by December 15, 2021.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge; and prescribing an effective date.

2 Whereas the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge is a critical link in the Mid-Columbia  
3 region; and  
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5 Whereas the bridge enables the transportation of goods and services, tourism, emergency re-  
6 sponse and workers between Oregon and Washington; and

7 Whereas regional businesses use the bridge to transport locally grown fruit, forest products,  
8 rock and gravel and locally manufactured products; and

9 Whereas the functionally obsolete, weight-restricted, seismically deficient bridge is a hazardous  
10 obstacle for the marine freight navigating the Columbia River; and

11 Whereas the bridge needs to be replaced; and

12 Whereas a bistate working group has convened and recommends establishing a bistate authority  
13 to develop, fund, construct, operate and maintain a replacement bridge; now, therefore,

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

15 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge**  
16 **Working Group" means a group of representatives from the City of Bingen, City of White**  
17 **Salmon and Klickitat County in Washington State and the City of Hood River, Hood River**  
18 **County and Port of Hood River in Oregon that was formed for the purpose of working to-**  
19 **gether to replace the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge.**

20 **(2) The Port of Hood River, after consulting with the Hood River-White Salmon Inter-**  
21 **state Bridge Working Group, shall prepare and submit a report to the Joint Committee on**  
22 **Transportation or interim Joint Committee on Transportation in the manner provided in**  
23 **ORS 192.245. The report must:**

24 **(a) Detail the findings and recommendations of the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate**  
25 **Bridge Working Group related to replacing the bridge and establishing a bistate authority;**  
26 **and**

27 **(b) Provide any recommendations for legislative changes.**

28 **(3) The Port of Hood River shall submit the report no later than December 15, 2021.**

29 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2022.**

30 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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