House Bill 3019

Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS, Senator THOMSEN; Representative REARDON

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

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

Whereas the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge is a critical link in the Mid-Columbia region; and

Whereas the bridge enables the transportation of goods and services, tourism, emergency response and workers between Oregon and Washington; and

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

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

Whereas the bridge needs to be replaced; and

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Provide any recommendations for legislative changes.

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

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 Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2022.

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

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