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TO: Joint Committee on Transportation
FROM: Patrick Brennan, LPRO Analyst
RE: Proposed LC drafts for committee bill consideration

Here is a summary of the three LC drafts that have been requested for consideration as possible committee bills by the Joint Committee on Transportation when it meets on January 12th:

LC 179: Utilities/Counties Right of Way

After legislation was introduced in 2023 to authorize county governing bodies to require and charge fees for permits to construct or alter lines, fixtures, or facilities within public road rights of way, Sen. Findley formed a work group to develop consensus legislation to address the issue. LC 179 represents the product of that work group and outlines the process for counties to assess such a fee.

LC 180: Transportation Omnibus

As has been the case in the last several sessions, the JCT introduced an omnibus bill to incorporate a number of separate concepts that fall under the “relating to transportation” relating clause. There are currently two separate concepts within LC 180: the first specifies that certain aviation grant funds may be used as matching funds for any FAA grant, rather than just Federal Aviation Improvement Program grants; the second revises language from House Bill 2095 (2023) that combines two of the three current photo radar enforcement programs within statute to allow any city to use the process, at its own expense.

LC 182: Funding for Bridge of the Gods

Two separate bills considered by the Joint Committee on Transportation in 2023 (Senate Bill 815 and House Bill 3622-A) had provisions that would have allocated \$6 million to the Port of Cascade Locks for seismic assessment. Funding was eventually provided for two other bridge projects included in HB 3622-A, the Burnside Bridge and the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge, but no funding was provided for the Bridge of the Gods. LC 182 allocates \$6 million for the Bridge of the Gods project.