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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act gives money to the Port of Cascade Locks for the Bridge of the Gods. The money will be used for the bridge's seismic analysis and strengthening project. The Act takes effect as soon as it is passed. (Flesch Readability Score: 83).

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for expenses related to the Bridge of the Gods seismic analysis and strengthening project.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

Whereas the Bridge of the Gods is the only interstate bridge between Portland and Hood River to provide passage over the Columbia River; and

Whereas the Bridge of the Gods is a key transportation link that serves the northern Oregon regional economy; and

Whereas the Bridge of the Gods is in a location that has been identified as seismically vulnerable; and

Whereas the Bridge of the Gods is in need of seismic strengthening and preservation in order to continue to provide safe and reliable service for the region; and

Whereas analysis will reveal the current seismic resiliency of the Bridge of the Gods and what the costs will be for additional strengthening and preservation and the addition of a multimodal pathway to link Oregon and Washington; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-

1 **ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administra-**
2 **tive Services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the General**
3 **Fund, the amount of \$6,000,000, for distribution to the Port of Cascade**
4 **Locks for the Bridge of the Gods seismic analysis and strengthening**
5 **project.**

6 **SECTION 2. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
7 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
8 **clared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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