House Bill 2101

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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 Department of Transportation to establish local transportation program to provide state funding in exchange for federal surface transportation funding available to cities and counties.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to highways; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 367.095.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a local transportation program to provide state funding, in exchange for federal surface transportation funding available to any city or county. Cities and counties must spend the moneys exchanged under this section solely for uses that are consistent with Article IX, section 3a, of the Oregon Constitution.

(2) The department shall establish the process of providing exchanges under this section.

(3) Any state funding provided under this section shall be provided:

(a) To the recipient through guidelines developed by the department.

(b) At a minimum exchange rate of $0.94 in state funds in exchange for $1 of federal funds.

(4) The department may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. ORS 367.095, as amended by section 47, chapter 491, Oregon Laws 2019, and section 131, chapter 630, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to read:

367.095. (1) The following amounts shall be distributed in the manner prescribed in this section:

(a) The amount attributable to the increase in tax rates by section 45, chapter 750, Oregon Laws 2017, and the amendments to ORS 319.020 and 319.530 by sections 40 to 43, chapter 750, Oregon Laws 2017.

(b) The amount attributable to the vehicle registration and title fees imposed under ORS 803.091 and 803.422.

(c) The amount attributable to the increase in taxes and fees by the amendments to ORS 803.420, 803.645, 818.225, 825.476, 825.480 and 826.023 by sections 34, 35, 48, 49, 51, 52, 63, 64, 66, 67 and 70, chapter 750, Oregon Laws 2017.

(2) The amounts described in subsection (1) of this section shall be distributed in the following order and for the following purposes:

(a)(A) $30 million per year shall be used to pay for:

(i) The Interstate 5 Rose Quarter Project;

(ii) The Interstate 205 Improvements: Stafford Road to Oregon Route 213 Project;

(iii) The Interstate 5 Boone Bridge and Seismic Improvement Project; and

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.

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(iv) The implementation of the toll program established under ORS 383.150.

(B) The amount described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be used to pay for costs, including project costs on a current basis and paying for debt service on bonds issued to finance the projects or toll program, only until the later of the date on which the projects or toll program is completed or on which all bonds issued to fund the projects or toll program have been repaid. Any remaining moneys shall be distributed as described in subsection (3) of this section.

(b) $15 million per year shall be deposited into the Safe Routes to Schools Fund for the purpose of providing Safe Routes to Schools matching grants under ORS 184.742. The remainder of the moneys shall be distributed as described in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) The moneys described in subsection (1) of this section that remain after the allocation of moneys described in subsection (2) of this section shall be allocated as follows:

(a) 50 percent to the Department of Transportation.

(b) 30 percent to counties for distribution as provided in ORS 366.762.

(c) 20 percent to cities for distribution as provided in ORS 366.800.

(4) The moneys described in subsection (3)(a) of this section or equivalent amounts that become available to the Department of Transportation shall be allocated as follows:

(a) $10 million for safety.

(b) Of the remaining balance:

(A) Forty percent for bridges.

(B) Thirty percent for seismic improvements related to highways and bridges.

(C) Twenty-four percent for [state] highway pavement preservation and culverts.

(D) Six percent for state highway maintenance and safety improvements.