

House Bill 2692

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON, Senator GORSEK; Representatives DEXTER, LIVELY, Senators DEMBROW, PATTERSON (Pre-session filed.)

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 work with Washington State Department of Transportation and British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to develop plans to operate and fund rail transportation.

Directs Department of Transportation to submit biennial report on plans to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to transportation.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to rail.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall work with the Washington State**
5 **Department of Transportation, the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and**
6 **Infrastructure and other public bodies, as appropriate, to document and memorialize, in**
7 **whatever form is the most appropriate, a shared regional approach to Cascades passenger**
8 **rail planning, funding and communications including:**

9 (a) **Developing a plan to document the shared vision, goals and objectives for passenger**
10 **rail service and freight rail service within the Cascades Rail Corridor.**

11 (b) **Developing a plan to achieve performance goals, manage fleet assets, share costs,**
12 **prioritize investments, improve infrastructure and resolve interagency disputes.**

13 (c) **Proposing funding options to the respective legislative bodies to support the**
14 **infrastructure improvements and operation of passenger and freight trains within the corri-**
15 **dor.**

16 (d) **Developing federal funding applications consistent with the shared plans described in**
17 **paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.**

18 (e) **Developing a stakeholder outreach program.**

19 (f) **Overseeing operations and marketing of daily passenger rail service in the corridor.**

20 (2) **The Department of Transportation may enter into agreements with the Washington**
21 **State Department of Transportation to coordinate shared passenger rail service development**
22 **plans.**

23 (3) **As used in this section, "public body" has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.109.**

24 **SECTION 2. Before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Department of Transpor-**
25 **tation shall submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related**
26 **to transportation, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, about the following:**

27 (1) **The status of the shared regional approach and plans with the Washington State De-**
28 **partment of Transportation and the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and**
29 **Infrastructure regarding transportation by rail within the Cascades Rail Corridor.**

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 **(2) The performance of passenger rail service within the corridor.**

2 **(3) The financial status of the corridor and financial needs for passenger rail service**
3 **within the corridor.**

4 **SECTION 3.** **The Department of Transportation may enter into agreements with the**
5 **Washington State Department of Transportation and other governmental entities related to**
6 **developing shared objectives for passenger and freight rail, developing regional approaches**
7 **to rail infrastructure improvements and enabling joint proposals to federal and other funding**
8 **sources.**

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