

## SB 1556 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Joint Committee On Transportation

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**Action Date:** 02/20/24

**Action:** Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

**Senate Vote**

**Yeas:** 4 - Boquist, Findley, Frederick, Gorsek

**Exc:** 1 - Woods

**House Vote**

**Yeas:** 6 - Evans, Mannix, McLain, Nathanson, Pham K, Reschke

**Exc:** 1 - Boshart Davis

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/13, 2/20

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Oregon Department of Transportation to study the portion of U.S. Highway 30 between mileposts 49 and 94. Requires Department to submit findings of the report to the Joint Committee on Transportation by September 15, 2025. Sunsets January 2, 2026. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- High number of crashes and fatalities on this segment of Highway 30
- Environmental hazards affecting highway in this area

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The route of U.S. Highway 30 extends from the Oregon coast at Astoria to Atlantic City, New Jersey, traversing ten states: Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. It is the only U.S. highway that has been a coast-to-coast route since the beginning of the numbered U.S. highway system. Much of the route was originally part of the historic Lincoln Highway. In Oregon, the route begins at an intersection with U.S. 101, just south of the Astoria-Megler Bridge. Most of the highway's route east of Portland is shared with Interstate 84. There are more miles of U.S. 30 in Oregon (477) than any other state.

Senate Bill 1556 directs the Oregon Department of Transportation to conduct a study of the segment of U.S. Highway 30 that lies between milepost 49 and milepost 94. The purpose of the study is to determine deficiencies, to develop a plan for improving the segment to a state of good repair, and to provide a cost estimate for those improvements. The Department is directed to report findings to the Joint Committee on Transportation by September 15, 2025.