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Bill Title: Relating to a study on extending the Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Counties, Department of Transportation, Cities

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Transportation	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	-	-

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure establishes the 18-member Westside Express Advisory Committee which is to study, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), specific issues related to extending the Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem. The measure directs ODOT to delegate the administrative functions of the advisory committee to the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments.

The measure provides a one-time \$250,000 General Fund appropriation to ODOT for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, for studying the issues related to extending the Westside Express Service commuter line. In addition, the measure requires ODOT to include in the study a gap analysis of the data components of the 2010 ODOT Rail Study. The measure directs ODOT to submit a report and gap analysis to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation. The measure requires ODOT to identify opportunities to apply for federal funding to supplement state funds for the study and any eligible subsequent work.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact on ODOT is \$250,000 General Fund for the 2023-25 biennium. ODOT reports that the estimated costs are based on similar previous studies. The agency reports that \$35,000 would be used to pay the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments for administering the advisory committee and \$215,000 would be used for contracting a third party to perform the study. ODOT reports that the contract will include development and advisory committee recommendations on the following issues:

- Governance structure on an extended Westside Express commuter line.
- Ownership and operations of an extended Westside Express Service commuter line, including maintenance services.
- A finance plan and funding sources

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- Integration of existing transit services.
- A progress update on the consent and commitment from railway companies and relevant information to secure an agreement to utilize the extension.

Other entities

There is no fiscal impact on cities or counties.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage. The provisions related to the study and, Westside Express Advisory Committee are repealed on January 2, 2025.

The Department is to submit a report on the study to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation by December 1, 2024.