

House Bill 4126

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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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act would have ODOT biennially recommend a rate for the per-mile road usage charge that would raise the money needed to keep up the highways in this state. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).

Requires the Department of Transportation to submit a biennial report to the Legislative Assembly recommending a rate for the per-mile road usage charge that would sustainably raise the revenue necessary to maintain the public highways in this state.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to road usage charges; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 319.883 to**
5 **319.946.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) Not later than September 15 of each even-numbered year, the Depart-**
7 **ment of Transportation shall submit a report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the**
8 **interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation, that recommends**
9 **a rate for the per-mile road usage charge that would sustainably raise the revenue necessary**
10 **to maintain the public highways of this state.**

11 **(2) The report must include:**

12 **(a) The total estimated cost for maintenance and preservation of Oregon's transportation**
13 **system, including for local systems; and**

14 **(b) An estimate of the total vehicle miles driven on the public highways of this state**
15 **based on the most recently available data on vehicle miles traveled.**

16 **(3) For purposes of subsection (2)(a) of this section, the department shall establish met-**
17 **rics by which maintenance and preservation needs are evaluated and reported, including but**
18 **not limited to:**

19 **(a) The desired pavement condition index for each road type;**

20 **(b) Striping and painting standards;**

21 **(c) Bridge replacement timelines; and**

22 **(d) The department's administrative costs associated with these maintenance and pres-**
23 **ervation needs.**

24 **SECTION 3. This 2026 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2026 Act takes effect**
26 **on its passage.**

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.