

# 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

Relating to road usage charges; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(d) The department's administrative costs associated with these maintenance and preservation needs.**

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