

House Bill 2639

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(Presession 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**.

Funds free transit passes for secondary school students residing in service area of Lane Transit District.

Sunsets January 2, 2018.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to providing transit passes to secondary school students residing in Lane Transit District
3 service area; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
6 **ated to the Department of Transportation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the**
7 **General Fund, the amount of \$2 million, which may be expended for the purpose of carrying**
8 **out section 2 of this 2015 Act.**

9 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Transportation shall enter into an agreement with**
10 **the Lane Transit District to provide free transit passes to secondary school students who**
11 **reside within the Lane Transit District service area.**

12 **(2) For the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, the Lane Transit District shall coordi-**
13 **nate with school districts located within the Lane Transit District service area and establish**
14 **a free transit pass program for secondary school students. The Lane Transit District shall**
15 **provide free transit passes to those secondary students who reside within the district service**
16 **area.**

17 **SECTION 3. (1) The Lane Transit District shall prepare and submit a progress report on**
18 **the free transit pass program described in section 2 of this 2015 Act. The report must include**
19 **the following:**

20 **(a) The number of students using the transit passes provided by the district under sec-**
21 **tion 2 of this 2015 Act;**

22 **(b) Information about the impact of providing transit passes to students who are low-**
23 **income;**

24 **(c) Information about students' ability to participate and attend extracurricular activities**
25 **due to increased access to transit services;**

26 **(d) The impact on the number of students using modes of transportation other than mass**
27 **transit to attend school and extracurricular activities; and**

28 **(e) Information compiled from the school districts whose students have received transit**
29 **passes as a result of the implementation of section 2 of this 2015 Act regarding the following:**

30 **(A) The financial impact to affected school districts;**

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1 (B) Changes in student truancy rates; and

2 (C) Changes in student tardiness rates.

3 (2) The Lane Transit District shall submit the report required by subsection (1) of this
4 section to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation in
5 the manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2016.

6 SECTION 4. (1) For the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, a school district whose
7 secondary school students receive transit passes under section 2 of this 2015 Act may not
8 request a waiver from the requirement to provide transportation under ORS 327.043.

9 (2) This section does not apply to a school district that has a waiver to provide trans-
10 portation to secondary school students, if that waiver is in effect as of the beginning of the
11 2015-2016 school year.

12 SECTION 5. Sections 1 to 4 of this 2015 Act are repealed on January 2, 2018.

13 SECTION 6. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
14 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
15 on its passage.
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