House Bill 3401

Sponsored by Representatives NATHANSON, GREENLICK; Representatives BARNHART, GOMBERG, Senators
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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.**

Requires Department of Transportation to study options for improving on-time performance of
passenger trains and freight trains.
Sunsets January 2, 2016.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

1   **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

2   Relating to rail transportation efficiency; and declaring an emergency.

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

4   **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall study and make recommen-**

5   **dations on options for improving on-time performance of passenger rail and options for re-**

6   **ducing delays for freight trains. As part of the study, the department shall:**

7   **(a) Examine the feasibility of modernizing dispatch systems and protocols to dispatch and**

8   **better coordinate passenger trains and freight trains; and**

9   **(b) Identify infrastructure improvements that will improve on-time performance.**

10   **(2) When studying and making recommendations on options as provided under this sec-**

11 **tion, the department shall consider federal and state laws, rules and regulations.**

12   **(3) The department shall report the results of the study required by this section, and**

13 **may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative**

14 **Assembly related to transportation in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than**

15 **November 1, 2015.**

16   **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2, 2016.**

17   **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**

19 **on its passage.**

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