REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Bill Number:	**HB 2750 - 1**
Revenue Area:	**Toll Revenues**
Economist:	**Mazen Malik**
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Measure Description:

Modifies laws related to interstate bridges operated by local governments.

Revenue Impact (in $Millions):

The bridge tolling revenue comes in two forms. cash tolling and electronic/camera collection. The experience of the port seems to suggest that the electronic compliance is high and likely to be higher percentage from cash tolling. The DMV registration enforcement will make that even more effective.

The tolling is expected to generate about $5 million a year from about 4.3 million trips. Tolling revenue is expected to pay its costs and pay for debt service for the bridge replacement.

Debt service needed is about $610,000 for every $10 million in debt.

Impact Explanation:

The Hood River-White Salmon Bridge crosses the Columbia River at Hood River and provides access to the communities of White Salmon and Bingen, Washington. In 1950, the Port of Hood River purchased the bridge and currently charges a toll on the bridge. It is estimated the cost of bridge replacement is $250 million. Clarifies that the Port of Hood River is authorized to establish a toll or contract the collection on bridges they may operate and maintain.

The Department has indicated that the costs of enforcement, and ongoing operational costs for toll enforcement, can be absorbed within existing agency resources.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that if private funds are used, as allowed in the bill, state highway funds cannot be used for enforcement operations. ODOT has indicated that toll enforcement operations can be achieved without the use of state highway funds if necessary.

This allows for a higher level of recovery of fees and higher level of compliance with the tolls.

Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

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