

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3378

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Including House Amendments dated April 12

Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS, Senator THOMSEN, Representative SMITH G; Representatives ALONSO LEON, BONHAM, GOMBERG, GORSEK, HELM, HERNANDEZ, HOLVEY, KENY-GUYER, MEEK, PRUSAK, REARDON, WILDE, WITT, Senator DEMBROW

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.

Appropriates moneys to **fund engineering and design work necessary for adding** [*add*] bicycle and pedestrian lane to Bridge of the Gods.
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Bridge of the Gods; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the Bridge of the Gods is a key regional transportation link in north central Oregon and the Columbia River Gorge; and

Whereas the seismic resiliency of the bridge is critical to the transportation infrastructure of the region; and

Whereas hiking and biking are key components of the recreation-based economy in the region; and

Whereas the State of Oregon and the federal government are investing significant resources in expanding biking opportunities in the Columbia River Gorge; and

Whereas the Pacific Crest Trail crosses the Columbia River on the Bridge of the Gods and in 2018 over 7,000 hikers used the bridge crossing; and

Whereas hikers and bikers must share the narrow 1926 bridge with vehicular traffic; and

Whereas there does not exist a safe passageway for hikers and bikers to cross the Columbia River between Portland and The Dalles; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,500,000, for distribution to the Port of Cascade Locks for the purpose of funding the engineering and design work necessary for adding a bicycle and pedestrian lane to the Bridge of the Gods.

SECTION 2. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect July 1, 2019.

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.