

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 14

Ordered by the Senate May 30
Including Senate Amendments dated May 30

Sponsored by Senator GORSEK (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.

Requires Department of Transportation to study options for expanding passenger rail service in Oregon. Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to transportation not later than September 15, 2024.

Provides that any agreement related to providing ultra-high-speed ground transportation in this state must include service to Eugene.

Prohibits department from expending in any biennium more than 50 percent, or \$1 million, whichever is less, of moneys available to department for passenger rail service, on ultra-high-speed ground transportation.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to passenger rail service; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Transportation shall study options for expanding passenger rail service in Oregon. The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation no later than September 15, 2024.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

SECTION 3. (1) The Department of Transportation is authorized to enter into agreements with other jurisdictions related to mutual planning for improved passenger rail service, including ultra-high-speed ground transportation, within the Cascades Rail Corridor. Any agreement related to ultra-high-speed ground transportation in this state must include providing service to Eugene. The department may adopt rules necessary to implement any agreement established under this section.

(2) The department may not expend in any biennium more than 50 percent, or \$1 million, whichever is less, of the moneys available to the department for passenger rail service, on ultra-high-speed ground transportation.

SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 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.