Senate Bill 846

Sponsored by Senator GORSEK

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.**

Directs Metro to study rail corridors within Metro, including inventory of rail corridors and determination of feasibility of using rail corridors to carry passenger trains. Directs Metro to publish report on results of study no later than January 31, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to rail corridors in Portland metropolitan area.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Metro shall conduct a study of existing rail corridors within the geographic boundaries of Metro. The study must include an inventory of such rail corridors and a determination of the feasibility of using the rail corridors to carry passenger trains. Metro shall publish a report on the results of its study no later than January 31, 2025.

(2) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide funding to Metro to carry out the study described in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) As used in this section, "Metro" means the metropolitan service district organized under ORS chapter 268.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.

SECTION 3. 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, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $_____ to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.

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.