

Requested by Representative NATHANSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 14**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “service” insert “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 9 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. The Department of Transportation shall study options
5 for expanding passenger rail service in Oregon. The department shall
6 submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may in-
7 clude recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of
8 the Legislative Assembly related to transportation no later than Sep-
9 tember 15, 2024.**

10 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Transportation shall work with
11 the Washington State Department of Transportation, the British
12 Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and other
13 public bodies, as appropriate, to document and memorialize, in what-
14 ever form is the most appropriate, a shared regional approach to Cas-
15 cades passenger rail planning, funding and communications including:**

16 **“(a) Developing a plan to document the shared vision, goals and
17 objectives for passenger rail service and freight rail service within the
18 Cascades Rail Corridor.**

19 **“(b) Developing a plan to achieve performance goals, manage fleet
20 assets, share costs, prioritize investments, improve infrastructure and
21 resolve interagency disputes.**

1 “(c) Proposing funding options to the respective legislative bodies
2 to support the infrastructure improvements and operation of passen-
3 ger and freight trains within the corridor.

4 “(d) Developing federal funding applications consistent with the
5 shared plans described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

6 “(e) Developing a stakeholder outreach program.

7 “(f) Overseeing operations and marketing of daily passenger rail
8 service in the corridor.

9 “(2) The Department of Transportation may enter into agreements
10 with the Washington State Department of Transportation to coordi-
11 nate shared passenger rail service development plans.

12 “(3) As used in this section, ‘public body’ has the meaning given
13 that term in ORS 174.109.

14 “SECTION 3. Before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the
15 Department of Transportation shall submit a report to the interim
16 committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation, in
17 the manner provided in ORS 192.245, about the following:

18 “(1) The status of the shared regional approach and plans with the
19 Washington State Department of Transportation and the British
20 Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding
21 transportation by rail within the Cascades Rail Corridor.

22 “(2) The performance of passenger rail service within the corridor.

23 “(3) The financial status of the corridor and financial needs for
24 passenger rail service within the corridor.

25 “SECTION 4. The Department of Transportation may enter into
26 agreements with the Washington State Department of Transportation
27 and other governmental entities related to developing shared objec-
28 tives for passenger rail service and freight rail service, developing re-
29 gional approaches to rail infrastructure improvements and enabling
30 joint proposals to federal and other funding sources.

1 **“SECTION 5. (1) The Department of Transportation is authorized**
2 **to enter into agreements with other jurisdictions related to mutual**
3 **planning for improved passenger rail service, including ultra-high-**
4 **speed ground transportation, within the Cascades Rail Corridor. Any**
5 **agreement related to ultra-high-speed ground transportation in this**
6 **state must include providing service to Eugene. The department may**
7 **adopt rules necessary to implement any agreement established under**
8 **this section.**

9 **“(2) The department may not expend in any biennium more than**
10 **50 percent, or \$1 million, whichever is less, of the moneys available to**
11 **the department for passenger rail service, on ultra-high-speed ground**
12 **transportation.**

13 **“SECTION 6. Sections 1 to 4 of this 2023 Act become operative**
14 **January 1, 2024.**

15 **“SECTION 7. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2,**
16 **2025.**

17 **“SECTION 8. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate**
18 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
19 **declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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