

SB 1563 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Transportation to study a portion of U.S. Highway 101 between Lincoln City and Coos Bay and to report findings of the study to the Joint Committee on Transportation by September 15, 2024. Sunsets January 2, 2025. Declares emergency, takes effect upon passage.

NOTE: *Measure has a subsequent referral to the Committee on Ways and Means*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces reference to "local highways" with "arterial highways." Delays due date of report one year to September 15, 2025. Delays sunset date one year to January 2, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The route of U.S. Highway 101 extends from a southern terminus in Los Angeles, California, to a northern terminus in Olympia, Washington. The route extends through the entire north-south length of Oregon at or near the Pacific coast, entering the state near Brookings on the south end and extending into Washington by crossing the Astoria-Megler Bridge over the Columbia river in Astoria. The Oregon route began as the Roosevelt Coast Military Highway and began construction in 1921. Six privately-operated ferries that originally served the route were replaced by bridges funded by New Deal programs and designed by state engineer Conde McCullough. The highway's total length today in Oregon is approximately 363 miles.