

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1572

By JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 26

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 24 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Westside**
3 **Express Advisory Committee described in this section, shall study issues related to extending**
4 **the Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem, including increasing the frequency**
5 **and hours of service. The study must include advisory committee recommendations regard-**
6 **ing:**

7 **“(a) The governance structure of an extended Westside Express Service commuter line;**

8 **“(b) Ownership and operations of an extended Westside Express Service commuter line,**
9 **including maintenance services;**

10 **“(c) A finance plan and recommended funding sources;**

11 **“(d) Integration of existing transit services throughout the proposed Westside Express**
12 **Service extension alignment; and**

13 **“(e) An update on progress regarding consent or commitment from Portland and West-**
14 **ern Railroad and BNSF Railway company and an understanding of additional information**
15 **necessary to gain agreement to utilize the track for purposes of a Westside Express Service**
16 **extension.**

17 **“(2) To aid the department in conducting the study, the department shall appoint the**
18 **Westside Express Advisory Committee, consisting of 18 members as follows:**

19 **“(a) One member who represents the Aurora city council;**

20 **“(b) One member who represents the Donald city council;**

21 **“(c) One member who represents the Hubbard city council;**

22 **“(d) One member who represents the Keizer city council;**

23 **“(e) One member who represents the Salem city council;**

24 **“(f) One member who represents the Wilsonville city council;**

25 **“(g) One member who represents the Woodburn city council;**

26 **“(h) One member who represents the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments;**

27 **“(i) One member who represents the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of**
28 **Oregon;**

29 **“(j) One member who represents the Metro Council of the Portland area metropolitan**
30 **service district;**

31 **“(k) One member who represents the Salem Area Mass Transit District;**

32 **“(L) One member who represents South Metro Area Regional Transit;**

33 **“(m) One member who represents Woodburn Transit Service;**

34 **“(n) One member who represents Yamhill County Transit;**

35 **“(o) One member who represents Portland and Western Railroad;**

1 “(p) One member who represents BNSF Railway company;
2 “(q) One member who represents a statewide rail passenger advocacy association; and
3 “(r) One member who represents a statewide land use conservation advocacy association.
4 “(3) The department shall delegate, through an intergovernmental agreement, with the
5 Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments performance of administrative functions of
6 the advisory committee. The functions may include, but are not limited to, coordinating,
7 convening and recording the meetings of the advisory committee.
8 “(4) The advisory committee shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson and
9 one member to serve as vice chairperson.
10 “(5) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the department shall make an appointment to
11 become immediately effective.
12 “(6) A majority of the members of the advisory committee constitutes a quorum for the
13 transaction of business.
14 “(7) The department shall identify opportunities to apply for federal funding to supple-
15 ment state funds for the study and any eligible subsequent corridor identification and de-
16 velopment efforts.
17 “(8) As part of the study required under this section, the department shall conduct a gap
18 analysis of the data components of the 2010 Department of Transportation Rail Study.
19 “(9) The department shall submit a report on the results of the study described in this
20 section in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative
21 Assembly related to transportation no later than December 1, 2024. The report must include
22 the results of the gap analysis conducted under this section and may include recommen-
23 dations for legislation.
24 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.
25 “SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
26 priated to the Department of Transportation, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of
27 the General Fund, the amount of \$250,000, which may be expended for the purpose of carry-
28 ing out the provisions of section 1 of this 2024 Act.
29 “SECTION 4. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
30 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect
31 on its passage.”.
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