

SB 564 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs ODOT to widen the portion of U.S. Highway 20 between Highway 99 and the City of Philomath. Appropriates an unspecified amount of moneys from the General Fund to carry out the provisions of the measure. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2025

Fiscal impact: (info)

Revenue impact: (info)

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

United States Highway 20 is the longest highway facility in the United States, spanning 3,365 miles between Newport, Oregon, and Boston, Massachusetts. The highway features major interchanges in Idaho Falls, Idaho, Casper, Wyoming, Williams, Iowa, Hodgkins, Illinois, Gary, Indiana, Perrysburg, Ohio, Erie, Pennsylvania, Albany, New York, and Waltham, Massachusetts. U.S. 20 breaks the traditional numbering system of east-west highways in that it starts well south of U.S. Highway 30, which terminates on the Pacific Coast in Astoria. And while U.S. 20 traverses Yellowstone Park in Wyoming, there is no clarity as to which of the three east-west routes through the park represent Highway 20.

Senate Bill 564 directs the Oregon Department of Transportation to utilize an unspecified amount of moneys from the General Fund to institute improvements to the segment of the highway between the intersection with State Highway 99 in Corvallis and the Philomath city limits, a segment of just under four miles.