

## SB 564 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Joint Committee On Transportation

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 2/11, 4/7

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#### 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.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Area experiences significant amounts of congestion
- Need for more transportation options in Philomath
- Whether to designate a safety corridor
- Whether federal funds are available for needed projects

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces original measure. Requires Oregon Department of Transportation to conduct a study and report on recommendations for increasing capacity for motor vehicle travel on U.S. 20 between Corvallis and Philomath, including a cost estimate for recommended improvements and other pertinent information. Directs Department to submit report to Joint Committee on Transportation by September 15, 2026. Sunsets January 2, 2027. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

**FISCAL:** Fiscal impact issued on measure w/the -1 amendment

**REVENUE:** "Revenue Lite" impact issued on measure w/the -1 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.