

## HB 2749 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Joint Committee On Transportation

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

**Meeting Dates:** 4/14

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$5 million to the Department of Transportation to distribute to the City of Portland for the purpose of designing a bridge across Columbia Boulevard . It specifies that the City is to report to the Joint Committee on Transportation on the process of seeking federal funds to complete the project. It declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.

**Fiscal:**

**Revenue:**

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

Design work began in 2020 on a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across Columbia Boulevard in the St. John's neighborhood of Portland. The span in question intends to join St. John's Prairie with Chimney Park. The span is being planned and constructed as a joint venture between Portland Parks & Recreation, Metro, and the Oregon Department of Transportation. In addition to providing a needed escape route in the event of a seismic event, such as a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, the bridge will offer more opportunities to bike and walk safely through the corridor.