

## SB 564 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Joint Committee On Transportation

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**Action Date:** 04/07/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

**Senate Vote**

**Yeas:** 4 - Gorsek, Meek, Starr, Weber

**Nays:** 1 - Pham

**House Vote**

**Yeas:** 6 - Boshart Davis, Gamba, Helfrich, Mannix, McLain, Nathanson

**Exc:** 1 - Evans

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure directs the 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. It directs the Department to submit a report to the Joint Committee on Transportation by September 15, 2026, and sunsets January 2, 2027. The measure declares an emergency and becomes 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:**

The amendment replaces original measure.

#### **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 A directs the Oregon Department of Transportation to conduct a study on how to institute improvements to the segment of U.S. Highway 20 between the intersection with State Highway 99 in Corvallis and the Philomath city limits, a segment of just under four miles, in order to relieve congestion and increase capacity in the corridor.