

SB 458 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 04/14/25

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

Senate Vote

Yeas: 5 - Gorsek, Meek, Pham, Starr, Weber

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, 4/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Transportation to conduct a review of a specified portion of U.S. Highway 30 and report the results of its findings to the Joint Committee on Transportation no later than September 15, 2026. It takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die and sunsets on January 2, 2027.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Safety concerns related to age and condition of road and deferred maintenance
- Statistics on crashes and fatalities in corridor
- Instances of landslides
- Impacts on local and regional business
- Amendment to bring in more landslide-prone area

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment changes the scope of study to extend through milepost 95.

BACKGROUND:

U.S. Highway 30 is a major east-west main route of the nation's numbered highway system. The highway stretches from Astoria on the Pacific Coast to Atlantic City, New Jersey, on the Atlantic Coast, covering approximately 3,112 miles, making the highway the third longest in the United States behind U.S. Highway 20 and U.S. Highway 6. Highway 30 has major junctions in Pocatello, Idaho; Cheyenne, Wyoming; Ames, Iowa; Joliet, Illinois; Merrillville, Indiana; Beaverdam, Ohio; Canton, Ohio; Breezewood, Pennsylvania; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Much of the historic Lincoln Highway, the first road to cross the United States (from New York City to San Francisco, California) later became part of U.S. 30. It shares portions of I-405, I-5, and I-84, the latter of which is responsible for most of its mileage in Oregon.

Senate Bill 458 A designates the portion of U.S. Highway 30 between milepost 49 and milepost 95 as an area subject of a safety review by the Oregon Department of Transportation. The study is to determine deficiencies on the corridor, recommendations for improving the conditions on the corridor, and a cost estimate for the recommended improvements.