

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3233

By JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “rail” insert “; creating new provisions; amending ORS  
2 824.400 and 824.430; repealing ORS 824.410; and prescribing an effective date”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 27 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 824.400 is amended to read:

5 “824.400. (1) The Department of Transportation shall develop and implement a passenger rail  
6 plan for the purposes of increasing ridership on passenger trains and increasing ticket revenue. The  
7 passenger rail plan must include, but is not limited to, the following:

8 “(a) A marketing strategy.

9 “(b) Strategies for boosting ridership.

10 “(c) Strategies for boosting tourism through the use of passenger rail.

11 “(d) **Strategies for boosting capacity.**

12 “(e) **Strategies for upgrading and improving railroad track and related infrastructure.**

13 “(f) **Information about federal rail infrastructure grant applications submitted, denied  
14 and approved, provided in summary form.**

15 “(2) The department may coordinate with other state agencies to develop the plan.

16 “(3) **The department shall submit a quarterly report on the performance of passenger rail  
17 to the Joint Committee on Transportation in the manner provided in ORS 192.245. The report  
18 must include a summary of the number of passengers utilizing passenger rail and on-time  
19 performance for the previous quarter.**

20 “**SECTION 2.** (1) The Department of Transportation shall work with the Washington  
21 State Department of Transportation, the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and  
22 Infrastructure and other public bodies, as appropriate, to document and memorialize, in  
23 whatever form is the most appropriate, a shared regional approach to Cascades passenger  
24 rail planning, funding and communications including:

25 “(a) Developing a plan to document the shared vision, goals and objectives for passenger  
26 rail service and freight rail service within the Cascades Rail Corridor.

27 “(b) Developing a plan to achieve performance goals, manage fleet assets, share costs,  
28 prioritize investments, improve infrastructure and resolve interagency disputes.

29 “(c) Proposing funding options to the respective legislative bodies to support the  
30 infrastructure improvements and operation of passenger and freight trains within the corri-  
31 dor.

32 “(d) Developing federal funding applications consistent with the shared plans described  
33 in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

34 “(e) Developing a stakeholder outreach program.

35 “(f) Overseeing operations and marketing of daily passenger rail service in the corridor.

1       **“(2) The Department of Transportation may enter into agreements with the Washington**  
2 **State Department of Transportation to coordinate shared passenger rail service development**  
3 **plans.**

4       **“(3) As used in this section, ‘public body’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**  
5 **174.109.**

6       **“SECTION 3.** ORS 824.430 is amended to read:

7       **“824.430. Before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Department of Transportation shall**  
8 **report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 about the following:**

9       **“(1) The status of agreements with the Washington State Department of Transportation and the**  
10 **British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the Cascades Rail Corri-**  
11 **dor.**

12       **“(2) The performance of passenger rail service within the corridor.**

13       **“(3) The financial status of the corridor and financial needs for passenger rail service within the**  
14 **corridor.**

15       **“(4) The status of developing the passenger rail plan, actions taken to implement the plan**  
16 **and any needed legislative changes.**

17       **“(5) The status of the shared regional approach and plans with the Washington State**  
18 **Department of Transportation and the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and**  
19 **Infrastructure regarding transportation by rail within the Cascades Rail Corridor.**

20       **“SECTION 4. The Department of Transportation may enter into agreements with the**  
21 **Washington State Department of Transportation and other governmental entities in order**  
22 **to collaborate on developing shared objectives for passenger and freight rail, developing re-**  
23 **gional approaches to rail infrastructure improvements and enabling joint proposals to federal**  
24 **and other funding sources.**

25       **“SECTION 5. ORS 824.410 is repealed.**

26       **“SECTION 6. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**  
27 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.**