

# House Bill 3683

Sponsored by Representative HELFRICH, Senator BONHAM

## SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act says that a commission to make a new bridge over the Columbia River is a public body for the OTCA. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.4).

Provides that a commission formed by local governments to replace a bridge crossing the Columbia River is a public body for purposes of the Oregon Tort Claims Act.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to interstate bridges; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 30.260.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 30.260 is amended to read:

5 30.260. As used in ORS 30.260 to 30.300, unless the context requires otherwise:

6 (1) "Department" means the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

7 (2) "Director" means the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

8 (3) "Governing body" means the group or officer in which the controlling authority of any public  
9 body is vested.

10 (4) "Public body" means:

11 (a) A public body as defined in ORS 174.109;

12 (b) Any nonprofit corporation that is organized and existing under ORS chapter 65 and that has  
13 only political subdivisions or municipal, quasi-municipal or public corporations in this state as  
14 members;

15 (c) A child-caring agency, as defined in ORS 418.205, that meets the criteria specified in ORS  
16 278.322 (1)(a) and that receives more than 50 percent of its funding from the state for the purpose  
17 of providing residential treatment to children who have been placed in the care and custody of the  
18 state or that provides residential treatment to children more than half of whom have been placed  
19 in the care and custody of the state; *[or]*

20 (d) A private, nonprofit organization that provides public transportation services if more than  
21 50 percent of the organization's funding for the purpose of providing public transportation services  
22 is received from governmental bodies; **or**

23 **(e) A commission formed under ORS 381.702 to 381.755.**

24 (5) "State" means:

25 (a) State government as defined in ORS 174.111;

26 (b) The State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation; and

27 (c) The Oregon Utility Notification Center.

28 (6) "Local public body" means any public body other than the state.

29 (7) "Nuclear incident" has the meaning given that term in 42 U.S.C. 2014(q).

30 (8) "Tort" means the breach of a legal duty that is imposed by law, other than a duty arising

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 from contract or quasi-contract, the breach of which results in injury to a specific person or persons  
2 for which the law provides a civil right of action for damages or for a protective remedy.

3 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 30.260 by section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to claims**  
4 **arising on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.**

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