

House Bill 3841

Sponsored by Representative ANDERSEN, Senator PATTERSON

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act says that Cherriots and others should work together to assess if it is possible to have a rail streetcar system in the City of Salem. Cherriots must give a report about what the group finds out. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.5).

Requires Cherriots to collaborate with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Environmental Quality, local community members, economists and business leaders to study the feasibility of establishing a rail streetcar system in the City of Salem. Directs Cherriots to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation not later than January 1, 2027.

Sunset January 2, 2027.

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to Cherriots for the study.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to a streetcar system in the City of Salem; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Cherriots, the Salem Area Mass Transit District, shall collaborate with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Environmental Quality, community members in the City of Salem and economists and business leaders in the City of Salem to study the feasibility of establishing a rail streetcar system in the City of Salem.

(2) Cherriots shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation no later than January 1, 2027.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$250,000, which may be distributed to Cherriots for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.