

Senate Bill 299

Sponsored by Senator MEEK (Pre-session filed.)

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 tells ODOT to come up with ideas to reduce traffic on I-5 and I-205 and find a way to pay for the ideas and not use tolls. (Flesch Readability Score: 78.2).

Directs the Department of Transportation to create a corridor plan to reduce traffic on Interstate 5 and Interstate 205 between Portland and Vancouver, Washington. Directs the department to also develop a financing plan to implement the mitigation measures without imposing tolls.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to highways; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall develop a corridor plan for**
5 **Interstate 5 and Interstate 205 between the City of Portland and Vancouver, Washington.**
6 **The primary goal of this plan is to develop proposed mitigation measures to substantially**
7 **reduce traffic congestion within the corridor. In developing the plan, the department shall**
8 **evaluate existing transportation conditions along the corridor and propose appropriate miti-**
9 **gation measures to address factors including, but not limited to, traffic congestion, safety,**
10 **environmental concerns and multimodal transportation needs.**

11 **(2) The plan must identify and prioritize potential improvements to enhance the per-**
12 **formance of all modes of transportation along the corridor.**

13 **(3) In addition, the department shall develop a financing plan to finance the recommended**
14 **mitigation measures without imposing tolls.**

15 **(4) The department shall submit the report on the corridor plan and financing plan re-**
16 **quired by subsections (1) and (3) of this section, and may include recommendations for leg-**
17 **islation, to the Joint Committee on Transportation in the manner provided under ORS**
18 **192.245 no later than September 15, 2026.**

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 Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

20 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
21 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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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.