

HB 3233-1
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Requested by Representative NATHANSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3233**

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

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

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

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

10 “(a) A marketing strategy.

11 “(b) Strategies for boosting ridership.

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

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

14 **“(e) Strategies for upgrading and improving railroad track and re-
15 lated infrastructure.**

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

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

20 **“(3) The department shall submit a quarterly report on the per-
21 formance of passenger rail to the Joint Committee on Transportation**

1 in the manner provided in ORS 192.245. The report must include a
2 summary of the number of passengers utilizing passenger rail and
3 on-time performance for the previous quarter.

4 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Transportation shall work with
5 the Washington State Department of Transportation, the British
6 Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and other
7 public bodies, as appropriate, to document and memorialize, in what-
8 ever form is the most appropriate, a shared regional approach to Cas-
9 cades passenger rail planning, funding and communications including:**

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

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

16 **“(c) Proposing funding options to the respective legislative bodies
17 to support the infrastructure improvements and operation of passen-
18 ger and freight trains within the corridor.**

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

21 **“(e) Developing a stakeholder outreach program.**

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

24 **“(2) The Department of Transportation may enter into agreements
25 with the Washington State Department of Transportation to coordi-
26 nate shared passenger rail service development plans.**

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

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

30 **“824.430. Before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Department of**

1 Transportation shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner pro-
2 vided in ORS 192.245 about the following:

3 “(1) The status of agreements with the Washington State Department of
4 Transportation and the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and
5 Infrastructure regarding the Cascades Rail Corridor.

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

7 “(3) The financial status of the corridor and financial needs for passenger
8 rail service within the corridor.

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

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

15 “**SECTION 4. The Department of Transportation may enter into
16 agreements with the Washington State Department of Transportation
17 and other governmental entities in order to collaborate on developing
18 shared objectives for passenger and freight rail, developing regional
19 approaches to rail infrastructure improvements and enabling joint
20 proposals to federal and other funding sources.**

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

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

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