

HB 2025-17
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Requested by Senator GORSEK

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2025**

1 On page 87 of the printed bill, line 40, after “sections” delete the rest of
2 the line and delete line 41 and insert “127 and 129 of this 2025 Act.”.

3 On page 102, after line 31, insert:

4 **“SECTION 161. (1) The Legislative Policy and Research Director**
5 **shall contract with a qualified vendor with subject matter expertise in**
6 **rail transportation to conduct a study of and prepare a report about**
7 **the impact of governance reform options for passenger rail and transit**
8 **operations in this state.**

9 **“(2) The study and report must:**

10 **“(a) Engage statewide stakeholders, including private freight rail-**
11 **roads, short line railroads, transit agencies and rail and transit advo-**
12 **cate organizations, to explore the viability, impacts and expected costs**
13 **of either establishing a separate department of rail and transit outside**
14 **of the Department of Transportation or of creating an internal divi-**
15 **sion within the Department of Transportation for rail and transit.**

16 **“(b) Compare these options to rail and transit governance in other**
17 **states, including Virginia’s Passenger Rail Authority.**

18 **“(3) The study and report may include additional recommendations**
19 **for governance reform, contextual information or suggestions that the**
20 **vendor determines are helpful or warranted.**

21 **“(4) The vendor shall submit a draft report to the Legislative Policy**

1 and Research Director no later than September 1, 2026.

2 “(5) The director shall review the draft report, confer with the
3 vendor if necessary and finalize the report. The director shall submit
4 the final report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim
5 committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation no
6 later than September 15, 2026.

7 “(6) The Department of Transportation shall provide the vendor
8 with any assistance required by the vendor that the vendor determines
9 is necessary to complete the report in the manner described in this
10 section.

11 “SECTION 162. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appro-
12 priation, there is appropriated to the Legislative Policy and Research
13 Office, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General
14 Fund, the amount of \$500,000, which may be expended for the purposes
15 of section 161 of this 2025 Act.”.

16 In line 35, delete “161” and insert “163”.
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