

1 **Senate (House) Bill \_\_\_\_\_**

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3 Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_ (at the request of the City of Hillsboro and others)

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6 CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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9 **AN ACT**

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12 **Relating to transportation;** amending ORS 366.220; directing the Oregon Department of  
13 Transportation to undertake and complete a planning and feasibility study of a potential, new  
14 transportation corridor to serve the long-term mobility and freight needs of northwest Oregon  
15 communities; and, allocating money.

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17 Whereas Oregon’s transportation system will continue to be the vital link that connects all  
18 Oregon communities and commerce to one another in the future; and

19 Whereas all sectors of Oregon’s economy will continue to rely on efficient state and  
20 regional transportation systems to remain nationally and globally competitive, and to connect to  
21 regional, State, national and international markets; and

22 Whereas addressing the long-term need for timely and efficient movement of people,  
23 goods and services within and throughout the State transportation system serving northwest Oregon  
24 communities, including the Portland Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA), is essential to Oregon  
25 economic development and growth; and

26 Whereas long-term traffic congestion and travel delays along major northwest Oregon and PMSA  
27 highways are projected to increase with substantial adverse impacts on travel and freight mobility,  
28 economic growth and business expansions; and the achievement of Oregon goals to lower  
29 greenhouse gas emissions and improve livability; and,

30 Whereas a new state highway will be needed long-term to reduce projected traffic congestion and  
31 delays and maintain and improve freight mobility along State highways serving communities and  
32 businesses throughout the eleven counties situated in northwest Oregon and the seven counties comprising  
33 the Portland Metropolitan Services Area; now, therefore,

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

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37 **SECTION 1.** (1) **The Department of Transportation shall undertake a long-term planning and**  
38 **feasibility study of a new, alternative state highway corridor route, and associated, supporting state**  
39 **and regional highway projects, west of Oregon Route 217 running north and south through**  
40 **Washington County and portions of Multnomah and Clackamas Counties and connecting to US**  
41 **Interstate Highway 5 at its north terminus approximately at Highway 30 and at its south terminus**  
42 **near the City of Wilsonville. As used in this section, “state highway” has the meaning given that**  
43 **term in ORS 366.005(6).**

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45 (2) **In conducting the study, the Department shall:**

46 (a) **Invite and consider input from interested regional and local governments and public and**  
47 **private stakeholders in such an alternative corridor.**

48 (b) **Coordinate the preparation of the study with existing state, regional and local government**  
49 **transportation system plans.**

50 (c) **Study national best practices for improving and maintaining efficient travel mobility and**  
51 **freight movement capacities within the alternative state highway corridor route and associated,**  
52 **supporting state and regional highway projects.**

1 (d) Research, identify and apply best practices nationally regarding potential current and  
2 future facility-generated funding resources capable of being generated by the new state highway  
3 corridor facility, itself, including but not limited to, highway tolling, facility bonds, other facility-  
4 generated revenue-producing methods used by communities within and outside the state, potential  
5 business sector financing methods as well as federal funding opportunities.  
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7 (3) The Department shall report the results of the study to the Seventy-seventh Legislative  
8 Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 and the Oregon Transportation Commission on  
9 or before February 14, 2014.

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11 **SECTION 2.** (1) There is allocated \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Oregon Transportation  
12 Commission for the preparation and completion of the study prescribed in section 1 of the Act by  
13 the Department.  
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15 **SECTION 3.** This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,  
16 health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.