

House Bill 2662

Sponsored by Representative NERON; Senator WOODS (at the request of City of Wilsonville) (Presession 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**.

Requires Department of Transportation, in collaboration with Tri-Met and Portland & Western Railroad to study extending Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem. Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to transportation not later than September 15, 2024.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Transportation for study.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a study on extending the Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem; and de-
3 claring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation, in collaboration with Tri-Met as de-**
6 **defined in ORS 267.334 and Portland & Western Railroad, shall study issues related to extending**
7 **the Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem, including increasing the frequency**
8 **and hours of service. The study must include, but is not limited to:**

9 (a) **A review of the specific operational and locational issues for extending and operating**
10 **the Westside Express Service commuter line on the old Oregon Electric Railway using the**
11 **existing or new Westside Express Service trains and the Portland & Western Railroad**
12 **tracks.**

13 (b) **Consulting cities that may be potentially served by the service extension, including**
14 **Wilsonville, Donald, Woodburn, Keizer and Salem, to better understand local access and**
15 **other related issues.**

16 (c) **Consulting relevant transit agencies, including but not limited to South Metro Area**
17 **Regional Transit, Woodburn Transit Service and Salem-Keizer Transit, that would potentially**
18 **provide bus service from rail stops to Wilsonville, Donald, Woodburn, Keizer or Salem and**
19 **exploring options for connecting rail stops with transit service.**

20 (2) **The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
21 **may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative**
22 **Assembly related to transportation no later than September 15, 2024.**

23 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.**

24 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
25 **ated to the Department of Transportation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the**
26 **General Fund, the amount of \$500,000, which may be expended for the purpose of carrying**
27 **out the provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

28 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
29 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**

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.

1 **July 1, 2023.**

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