
Transportation Committee

SSCR 8405

Brief Description: Providing for the study of legislative and financial issues regarding the Columbia River Crossing Project.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Swecker, Murray and Rasmussen).

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Directs the Legislative standing committees on transportation to study legislative and financial issues regarding the Columbia River Crossing Project in cooperation with Oregon.

Hearing Date: 3/28/07

Staff: Jeff Olsen (786-7157).

Background:

The Interstate 5 Columbia River Bridge was built in 1917, with another span added in 1958. The facility no longer meets earthquake standards. The bridge now serves 125,000 vehicles per day on weekdays, and traffic is expected to reach 180,000 vehicles per day by 2020.

In 2001, the Portland/Vancouver I-5 Transportation and Trade Partnership began bi-state joint planning efforts to develop a plan for replacing the facility. Planning efforts have been continued through the Columbia River Crossing Project.

Summary of Bill:

The Legislature supports bi-state, bi-partisan and multi-jurisdictional planning, coordination, and funding efforts for the Columbia River Crossing Project. The Legislature also recognizes and supports addressing impacts on marine, rail, transit, air, freight, and pedestrian modes. The legislative transportation committees must study legislative issues, including financial issues regarding the project.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.