

HB 2095 - H AMD 264

By Representative Wylie

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1 On page 5, beginning on line 29, strike all of section 5 and
2 insert the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) On behalf of the state, the legislature of the state of
6 Washington invites the legislature of the state of Oregon to
7 participate in a joint legislative action committee regarding the
8 construction of a new Interstate 5 bridge spanning the Columbia
9 river that achieves the following purposes:

10 (a) Works with both states' departments of transportation and
11 transportation commissions and stakeholders to begin a process
12 toward project development. It is assumed that the appropriate local
13 and bistate entities already tasked with related work will also be
14 included when the legislative and interagency agreements are ready
15 to move forward. The legislative action committee must convene its
16 first meeting by December 15, 2017;

17 (b) Reviews and confirms lead roles related to permitting,
18 construction, operation, and maintenance of a future Interstate 5
19 bridge project;

20 (c) Establishes a process to seek public comment on the
21 Interstate 5 bridge project development plan selected and presents
22 final recommendations for the process and financing to both states;

23 (d) Works to ensure that there are sufficient resources
24 available to both states' departments of transportation to inventory
25 and utilize existing data and any prior relevant work to allow for
26 nonduplicative and efficient decision making regarding a new
27 project;

1 (e) Examines all of the potential mass transit options available
2 for a future Interstate 5 bridge project;

3 (f) Utilizes design-build procurement, or an equivalent or
4 better innovation delivery method, and determines the least costly,
5 most efficient project management and best practices tools
6 consistent with work already completed including, but not limited
7 to, height, navigation needs, transparency, economic development,
8 and other critical elements, while minimizing the impacts of
9 congestion during construction;

10 (g) Considers the creation of a Columbia river bridge authority
11 to review bridge needs for possible repair, maintenance, or new
12 construction, prioritizing those needs and making recommendations to
13 both states with regard to financing specific projects, timing,
14 authorities, and operations; and

15 (h) Provides a report to the legislatures of each state that
16 details the findings and recommendations of the legislative action
17 committee by December 15, 2018.

18 (2)(a) The joint Oregon-Washington legislative action committee
19 is established, with members as provided in this subsection:

20 (i) The speaker of the house of representatives of both states
21 shall appoint four members, two from each of the two largest
22 caucuses of the house of representatives.

23 (ii) The majority leader and minority leader of the senate of
24 both states shall jointly appoint four members, two from each of the
25 two largest caucuses of the senate.

26 (b) The legislative action committee shall choose its cochair
27 from among its membership, one each from the senate and the house of
28 representatives of both states.

29 (c) Executive agencies, including the departments of
30 transportation and the transportation commissions, shall cooperate
31 with the committee and provide information and other assistance as
32 the cochair may reasonably request.

33 (d) Staff support for the legislative action committee must be
34 provided by the Washington house of representatives office of

1 program research, Washington senate committee services, and the
2 Oregon legislative policy and research office.

3 (e) Legislative members of the legislative action committee are
4 reimbursed for travel expenses. For Washington legislative members,
5 this reimbursement must be in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

6 (f) The expenses of the legislative action committee must be
7 paid jointly by both states' senate and house of representatives. In
8 Washington, committee expenditures are subject to approval by the
9 senate facilities and operations committee and the house of
10 representatives executive rules committee, or their successor
11 committees.

12 (g) Each meeting of the legislative action committee must allow an
13 opportunity for public comment. Legislative action committee meetings
14 must be scheduled and conducted in accordance with the requirements of
15 both the senate and the house of representatives of both states."

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EFFECT: Invites the Legislature of the State of Oregon to participate in a joint legislative action committee with the Legislature of the State of Washington regarding the construction of a new Interstate 5 bridge spanning the Columbia River, rather than encouraging the Governor to enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding the creation of such a committee.

Creates a joint legislative action committee comprised of sixteen members, eight from each state, and provides the following requirements:

- Directs the Speaker of the House of Representatives of each state to appoint four members, two from each of the two largest caucuses.
- Directs the majority leader and minority leader of the Senate of each state to jointly appoint four members, two from each of the two largest caucuses.
- Requires executive agencies, including the departments of transportation and the transportation commissions, to cooperate with the committee and provide information and other assistance as the cochairs may reasonably request.
- Directs that staff support be provided by the House Office of Program Research, Senate Committee Services and the Oregon legislative policy and research office.
- Provides for joint payment of legislative action committee expenses by the Legislatures of both states, and allows for reimbursement of legislative action committee members for travel expenses.

- Requires each meeting of the legislative action committee to allow an opportunity for public comment, and requires that meetings be scheduled and conducted in accordance with the requirements of both the senate and the house of representatives of both states.

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