



MEMORANDUM

TO: Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors
FROM: Matt Ransom, Executive Director *MR*
DATE: February 7, 2017
SUBJECT: State Legislative Session Update

AT A GLANCE – INFORMATION

The purpose of this memorandum is to keep the RTC Board apprised of proposed state legislation.

BACKGROUND

The Washington State Legislature convened for its 2017 session on January 9 and is scheduled to complete its full session on April 23. At the outset of the legislative session, RTC staff began tracking bills that would revise laws that govern transportation funding, planning, and RTC operations.

In addition to monitoring proposed legislation, staff are also assisting Legislators and RTC Member agency staff (and their lobbyists) by providing current information in regards to RTC plans and recommended projects through the Board endorsed Regional Transportation Plan (2014) and current Clark County Transportation Alliance 2017 Policy Statement.

CURRENT STATUS

As of this report, RTC staff have been monitoring these bills as summarized below:

Bill #	Summary	Perceived Impact	Status
HB 1222	Would establish a Legislative work group with the express intent of establishing a bi-state process to facilitate planning for replacement of the I-5 bridges over the Columbia River. The bill is presumed to require complimentary legislation in the state of Oregon to create the same such work group.	TBD. Incidental participation may be required as part of stakeholder engagement process.	Referred to House Transportation Committee on January 13. <i>Hearing Date: TBD</i>
HB 1147 SB 5096	Transportation Appropriations bill for 2017-2019 Fiscal Biennium	This is the primary funding appropriations bill for WSDOT and also sets in place the funding levels for specific regional projects and regional flexible fund allocations.	Referred to House and Senate Trans Committee <i>Hearing Date: TBD</i>

NEXT STEPS

RTC staff will continue to monitor proposed bills which are currently or may be introduced during this legislative session. In addition to monitoring, RTC staff will provide information and input to the Board, Legislators, and RTC Member agency staff as requested.