


Senate Bills

<p>SB 14 AORTA Endorsed 1-28-23</p>	<p>E Oregon Passenger Rail Service (<i>restore Pioneer</i>)</p>	<p>Sponsors: Sen Gorsek <i>Requires ODOT to study option for restoring RPS Portland to Ontario and report back to Legislature NLT 9/24.</i></p> <p>REC: Amend to require consultation with communities along the route, passenger rail advocacy organizations. UPRR.</p> <p>Consider reference to extension beyond Ontario and Boise (e.g., Salt Lake City or Denver, either of which would make it over 750 miles and thus not be dependent solely on state funding).</p> <p>A name other than “<i>Pioneer</i>” should be considered – e.g., Chief Joseph, Tatanka, Wy’east, Nch’s-Wana</p>
<p>SB 16 AORTA Endorsed 1-28-23</p>	<p>Funding Options for Rail Transportation</p>	<p>Sponsors: Sen Gorsek <i>Requires ODOT to study finding options to support transportation by rail and report back to Leg by 9/24. Not specific to passenger rail.</i></p>

House Bills

<p>HB 2619 AORTA Endorsed 1-28-23</p>	<p>Modifies OR Transportation Commission Membership</p>	<p>Sponsors: Rep Pham K, Dexter, Gamba, Hudson, Walters; Sen Campos <i>Increase size of OTC from 5 to 9. Requires member (1) under 25 y.o., (2) Primary method of travel not by automobile, (3) Disabled, has disabled family member, or disabled advocacy group, (4) OR tribal member familiar with tribal T issues. Requires each Congressional District to be represented. Prohibits those serving in state government from serving.</i></p>
<p>HB 2662 AORTA Endorsed 1-28-23</p>	<p>Study for Extending WES commuter rail service from Beaverton and Wilsonville to Salem. Appropriates \$0.5M GFS</p>  <p>The three primary cars were built by Colorado Railcar, now out-of-business. Two(?) older, Budd RDCs supplement the fleet.</p>	<p>Sponsors: Rep Neron; Sen Woods <i>Requires ODOT to collaborate w TriMet, P&W RR, to study extending WES to Salem, increasing frequency and hours of service. ReQUIRES consultation w Wilsonville, Donald, Woodburn, Keizer and Salem and respective transit agencies.</i></p> <p>WES is a 14.7-mile commuter rail service (parallel to Hwy 217 and I-5) managed by TriMet and operated by Portland & Western RR serving Beaverton, Hall/Nimbus (Washington Square), Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville OR. It provides infrequent (30 min), peak-hour service on weekdays (M-F). Service began in 2006.</p> <p>AORTA has been involved with creation of WES, and has supported bills (introduced by the late Rep Mitch Greenlick) proposing extension of service to Salem in nearly every session since 2006. AORTA has always held that service should include service to Salem, be throughout the day and seven days/week in order to build cost-effective ridership. The bill reportedly has support from the City of Wilsonville, Aurora, Donald, Woodburn, Salem, TriMet, Cherriots (Salem transit) and other transit systems with which it would connect.</p>
<p>HB2691 AORTA Endorsed 1-28-23</p>	<p>Requires any ultra-HSR study to include service to Eugene. Limits UHSR funds to 50% (or \$1M) of total spent for RPS</p>	<p>Sponsors: Rep Nathanson, Dexter, Levy B; Sen Gorsek, Dembrow, Patterson <i>This bill points out that UHSR must supplement, not replace, existing RPS, and that existing service must be improved, expanded.</i></p>
<p>HB 2692 AORTA Endorsed</p>	<p>Requires ODOT to coordinate with WashDOT and BC to develop and fund RPS</p>	<p>Sponsors: Rep Nathanson, Dexter, Lively; Sen Gorsek, Dembrow, Patterson <i>Requires development of shared vision, goals, objectives, performance goals, fleet management, shared costs, marketing, stakeholder</i></p>

1-28-23		<i>outreach.</i> NOTE: This bill is intended to move Oregon toward formation of something like a regional rail authority.
Joint Resolutions		
SJR 2 AORTA Endorsed 1-28-23	Refers to voters Constitutional Amendment allowing motor vehicle related taxes to be used for infrastructure reducing traffic burden/pollution	Sponsors: Sen Gorsek