

# House Bill 3060

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## 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**.

Authorizes issuance of lottery bonds for rail improvement projects. Establishes Rail Improvement Account and continuously appropriates moneys in account to Department of Transportation for rail improvement projects.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to rail projects; and appropriating money.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Pursuant to ORS 286.560 to 286.580, for the biennium beginning July 1,**  
5 **2005, the State Treasurer may issue lottery bonds to finance grants for rail improvement**  
6 **projects selected under section 2 of this 2005 Act.**

7 **(2) The use of lottery bond proceeds is authorized based on the following findings:**

8 **(a) A well-developed system of railroads is critical to the economic stability and growth**  
9 **of Oregon.**

10 **(b) Railroads serve the public good and would benefit from the provision of public as-**  
11 **sistance.**

12 **(c) A state grant program can complement existing funding sources by leveraging re-**  
13 **sources from nonstate sources.**

14 **(3) The aggregate principal amount of lottery bonds issued pursuant to this section may**  
15 **not exceed the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, plus an additional amount established by the State Treas-**  
16 **urer to pay bond-related costs. Lottery bonds issued pursuant to this section may be issued**  
17 **only at the request of the Director of Transportation.**

18 **(4) The net proceeds of the lottery bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be depos-**  
19 **ited in the Rail Improvement Account established under section 2 of this 2005 Act.**

20 **SECTION 2. (1) The Rail Improvement Account is established separate and distinct from**  
21 **the General Fund. Earnings on moneys in the account shall be deposited in the Oregon**  
22 **Transportation Infrastructure Fund. Moneys in the Rail Improvement Account are contin-**  
23 **uously appropriated to the Department of Transportation for the purpose of financing rail**  
24 **improvement grants in accordance with this section.**

25 **(2) A railroad may apply for a grant under this section in a manner determined by the**  
26 **department by rule.**

27 **(3) The department may award rail improvement grants under this section. A grant may**  
28 **not exceed 75 percent of the total projected costs of the project for which the grant is**  
29 **awarded. In awarding grants under this section, the department shall give priority to rail**  
30 **improvement projects that:**

31 **(a) Enhance public safety;**

**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       **(b) Enhance the environment;**
  - 2       **(c) Promote economic development;**
  - 3       **(d) Improve train speeds and increase system capacity; and**
  - 4       **(e) Enable Oregon companies to be more competitive in regional, national and interna-**
  - 5 **tional markets.**
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