

**HIGHWAYS AND ROADS**

See also APPROPRIATIONS, Highways; CITIES; LEGISLATURE; MOTOR CARRIERS; MOTOR VEHICLES; MUSEUMS; PARKS AND RECREATION

Billboards c.219

Redefines terms used in statutes regulating outdoor advertising signs along public highways. Permits two immediately adjacent signs to qualify as one sign, but eliminates exemption from spacing requirements for series signs and signs within 300 feet of advertised business. Re-states provisions relating to location, spacing, permit fees, removal of nonconforming signs and hearings. Adds to and amends sections in ORS chapter 377. Repeals ORS 377.205. (H 1564)

County market roads, tax apportionment c.512

Requires special taxes levied for market roads to be apportioned same as general road fund tax levy. Amends ORS 369.290. Eff. 1 Jul 67. (S 343)

County roads, contractor's performance bond c.10

Reduces amount of performance bond required of contractors on county road projects to not less than 50 percent of contract price. Amends ORS 368.235. (H 1062)

emergency expenditures c.270

Authorizes counties to expend available county funds, during disaster emergencies, to provide roadways for public use when county roads are closed for repairs. Adds to ORS chapter 368. (S 323)

liability for defects c.500

Limits recovery of damages resulting from defective county roads to situations where county has, or should have had, sufficient notice to remedy defective condition. Increases amount recoverable from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Repeals ORS 368.935. (S 247)

limited access c.364

Extends right to all counties to establish limited access highways on county roads designated as throughways. Amends ORS 374.420, 374.425, 374.430. (H 1067)

Highway lighting districts, assessments c.21

Permits highway lighting districts to levy assessments on any reasonable basis, subject to limit of \$1 per front foot. Amends ORS 372.170. (S 51)

formation, meetings c.9.05

Permits county court, after hearing on petition to form highway lighting district, to deny petition if remonstrances are filed or adjust boundaries and grant petition. Requires district commissioners to meet annually rather than quarterly. Amends ORS 372.090, 372.110, 372.220. (S 52)

Public roads, vacating c.25

Provides procedure for vacating public roads, other than county roads or state highways, outside cities. Amends ORS 271.010. (H 1066)

Road assessment districts, withdrawal of annexed areas c.347

Provides procedure for withdrawal of property from road assessment district when property annexed to city which assumes duty of maintaining roads. Adds to ORS 371.405 to 471.535. Eff. 10 May 65. (S 325)

Special road districts, annexation, formation, tax levies c.498

Provides for adding land to special road district upon petition of landowners, with denial of petition if 50 percent of owners object. Revises procedure for formation of district. Authorizes tax levy prior to establishment of tax base. Permits improvements to any noncounty road. Amends sections in and adds to ORS 371.305 to 371.360. Eff. 22 May 65. (S 207)

State highways, acquisition of land to exchange with railroads c.383

Changes authority of State Highway Commission to acquire land to exchange for railroad right of way to permit acquisition of such land "within a reasonable distance" rather than "adjacent." Amends ORS 366.335. (S 19)

acquisition of land to exchange with utilities c.382

Authorizes State Highway Commission, if property of utility is

State highways, acquisition of land to exchange with utilities (cont.)

required for highway, to obtain other nearby property and exchange for utility's land. Defines "real property" and "utility." Adds to ORS chapter 366. Eff. 13 May 65. (S 18)

acquisition of right of way, relocation of facilities VETOED

Requires State Highway Commission to pay expenses of relocating facilities of water, sanitary and irrigation districts, or sanitary authority in highway right of way. Vetoes by Governor; will be reconsidered by next legislative session. (S 178)

financial assistance to persons displaced c.222

Permits certain financial assistance to persons displaced when property acquired by State Highway Commission and no federal funds available or used for such assistance. Amends ORS 366.324. Eff. 20 Apr 65. (H 1058)

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County roads, rights of way over federal lands c.256  
HB 1276

Deletes width limitations on rights of way accepted over United States lands.

serial levies, use and apportionment c.203  
HB 1228

Permits serial levies for county roads. Requires levy to be apportioned to cities under formula for county road levy. Permits subdivisions to use serial levies to finance cost of services.

Private road crossings, authority to regulate c.497  
HB 1701

Transfers from Public Utility Commissioner to State Highway Commission, as to state highways, or to county court board of county commissioners, as to county roads, authority to regulate by permit private roads crossing state highway or county road.

State highways, junkyards along, regulated c.590  
SB 493

Prohibits continued maintenance of junkyards within 1000 feet of and visible from state highway. Prohibits establishment of junkyards within 1100 feet of or visible from highway or visible from highway in designated scenic area. Exempts junkyards located in industrial zones or screened so as not to be visible. Empowers State Highway Engineer to screen or relocate existing junkyards where feasible. Provides penalties. Eff. 30 Jun. 67.

State rights of way, relocation of facilities, reimbursement c.272  
SB 3120

Directs State Highway Commission to pay sewer and water districts for cost of relocating district facilities moved from the right of way during highway construction.

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Counties, dedicated roads

c.427  
HB 1602

Authorizes counties to accept and maintain as county roads roads dedicated to public less than 50 feet in width.

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Public rights of way, crossing

c.391  
SB 357

Restricts exemption from motor vehicle and public utility laws for driver crossing public road to continue use of private road.

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Sign regulation

c.770  
HB 1861

Enacts Oregon Motorist Information Act. Creates Travel Information Council of 11 members. Directs Highway Commission to establish travel information centers and authorizes council to make available information sign plazas, publish guidebooks and maps, provide telephone reservation service and emergency telephone service. Prescribes location and description criteria for signs subject to specific regulation by council. Requires permit and fee for sign placement and for annual license for conduct of sign business. Establishes appeal procedure for refusal of applications. Excludes cities from regulation, unless sign is within 660 feet of state highway, except where ordinance authorizes regulation. Phases out use of billboards and other nonconforming signs. Creates sub-account for council in Highway Fund and appropriates \$5,000 from fund to council for purposes of Act. Eff. 2 Jul. 71.

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