

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1316

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: *Designating state route number 35.*

Sponsors: *Representatives Honeyford, Lisk, Boldt, Sump, Fisher and Dunn.*

House Committee on Transportation Policy & Budget
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background: *Each state highway numerical designation and location is prescribed by statute. State law also prescribes criteria to guide the Legislature in determining whether to make additions, deletions or changes in the state highway system. These criteria include: being part of a national highway system or part of an integrated system of roads connecting population centers, serving a county seat, serving a commercial-industrial terminal, or carrying significant cargo to a port or terminal. The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) is charged with receiving petitions from cities, counties, or state agencies for road additions or deletions from the state highway system.*

There are three highway crossings of the Columbia River in the roughly 100-mile long State Route (SR) 14 corridor between I-205 near Vancouver and SR 97 near Goldendale. These crossings are the Bridge of the Gods– at Cascade Locks, owned by the Port of Cascade Locks; the Port of Hood River Bridge at Hood River; and SR 197 near The Dalles.

The bridge connecting Hood River, Oregon, with the communities of White Salmon and Bingen on the Washington side is a two-lane structure, constructed in 1923. It is a toll bridge owned by the Port of Hood River and is under renovation to extend its useful life by 20 years.

Summary: *A new state route number 35 is added to the state highway system. The route is to begin at the Washington-Oregon boundary line along the Columbia River to a junction with SR 14 near White Salmon. No existing route may be maintained or improved by the Transportation Commission as a temporary SR 35 until a bridge is constructed across the Columbia River.*

Votes on Final Passage:

House 95 0

Senate 48 0

Effective: July 27, 1997