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**SENATE BILL 5012**

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**By** Senators L. Wilson, King, Braun, Cleveland, Fortunato, Holy, and Torres

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1 AN ACT Relating to studying the construction of a third bridge  
2 over the Columbia river between southwest Washington and Oregon;  
3 creating new sections; and making an appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the negative  
6 impact increased travel times have on those in southwest Washington.  
7 The legislature also recognizes the need for additional strategies to  
8 provide reliable transportation throughout the region. It is the  
9 intent of the legislature to begin the analysis and discussion on one  
10 additional strategy: A third bridge over the Columbia river between  
11 southwest Washington and Oregon.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The joint transportation committee  
13 shall conduct a study of the options and strategies to construct a  
14 third bridge over the Columbia river between southwest Washington and  
15 Oregon. The study must consider:

16 (a) Anticipated general purpose traffic demand, including general  
17 purpose traffic relief that may be afforded to existing highway  
18 routes by the creation of a third bridge;

1 (b) Anticipated freight traffic demand, including freight traffic  
2 relief that may be afforded to existing highway routes by the  
3 creation of a third bridge;

4 (c) A cost-benefit analysis of constructing a third bridge, which  
5 must include analysis on the estimated cost to construct a third  
6 bridge;

7 (d) Potential locations for a third bridge across the Columbia  
8 river between southwest Washington and Oregon; and

9 (e) Preliminary design options for a third bridge.

10 (2) A final report must be submitted to the transportation  
11 committees of the legislature by June 30, 2024.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of \$300,000, or as much thereof as  
13 may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal biennium ending June  
14 30, 2025, from the motor vehicle account—state appropriation to the  
15 joint transportation committee for the purposes of this act.

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