

House Transportation Policy Committee
LPRO Research Projects suggested during September Meeting

- 1) Investigation into possible impacts of the increasing prevalence of high-speed watercraft in narrow rivers on non-motorized watercraft recreation, commercial fishing and harvesting operations, the integrity of riverbanks and river ecology.
- 2) Review of how other states seek to balance the movement of freight across different modes – how states similar to Oregon use ports, rail, air and trucks; what systems and/or incentives do they use to diversify freight modes; and how they work to reduce conflicts between freight and passenger rail.
- 3) Examine existing policies for securing and containing hazardous materials, including petroleum, carried by truck on Oregon roads – specifically whether there are technologies or techniques used elsewhere that could benefit Oregon.
- 4) Look into possible targeted investments in port infrastructure that could improve port resiliency in emergency situations, including earthquakes and tsunamis, for large-scale, post-emergency response efforts, similar to those carried out following recent Gulf Coast hurricanes.
- 5) Review possible options for addressing concerns, including environmental concerns, related to construction of a third bridge over the Willamette River in Salem.
- 6) Review the impact of relatively high-speed traffic on major state highways and arterials that pass through the downtown areas of rural, suburban and urban communities, including effects on safety, connectivity and commerce.
- 7) Provide a comprehensive review of tolling and value/congestion pricing that can help inform public and policymakers about House Bill 2017.