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Bill requiring performance audit of TriMet approved by Senate

HB 3316B holds the transit agency accountable for using taxpayer money to deliver transportation services

SALEM—Today the Oregon Senate voted to approve a bill that requires the Oregon Secretary of State to conduct a performance audit on TriMet, the transit district agency for the Portland Metropolitan Area. House Bill 3316B passed the Senate on a vote of 29-0 with one excused.

“TriMet provides many valuable services to the Portland area, including light rail and bus lines throughout every corner of my district in East Multnomah County,” said Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson (D-Gresham). “But TriMet, like all government agencies, should have to undergo an independent performance review to make sure that taxpayer money is used effectively and efficiently to get people where they need to go.”

The audit will include recommendations the governance and operational structure of TriMet. Additionally, the audit will examine the financial condition and transparency of the transit agency.

“Working families, commuters, and businesses in East County all rely on TriMet to provide affordable transit options for riders. Increasing transparency and scrutiny of TriMet can only improve it and make it more accessible for Oregonians on a tight income and individuals with disabilities,” said Monnes Anderson.

Senator Monnes Anderson is a co-sponsor of HB 3316B, which was first introduced by Rep. Chris Gorsek (D-Troutdale).

The bill now heads over to Governor John A. Kitzhaber for his signature.

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