2023 Rail Bills Introduced

Bill #	Title	Chief Sponsor	Co-Sponsor	Relating to
<u>SB 14</u>	Passenger Rail Service	Gorsek		Directs DOT to study options for restoring passenger rail service between Portland and Ontario, as was previously provided by the Amtrak Pioneer.
<u>SB 16</u>	Passenger Rail Funding	Gorsek		Directs DOT to study funding options to support transportation by rail and submit recommendations for legislation.
<u>SB 846</u>	Rail Corridors in Portland Metro Area	Gorsek, Frederick	Meek	Directs Metro to study rail corridors within Metro, including inventory of rail corridors and determination of feasibility of using rail corridors to carry passenger trains.
HB 2662	Westside Express Service Commuter line to Salem	Neron, Mannix	Pham K; Woods	Directs DOT in collaboration with Tri-Met and Portland & Western Railroad to study extending Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem.
<u>HB 2691</u>	Passenger Rail Service to include Eugene	Nathanson; Gorsek	Dexter, Levy B; Dembrow, Patterson	Provides that any agreement related to providing ultra-high-speed ground transportation in this state must include service to Eugene. Prohibits Department of Transportation from expending in any biennium more than 50 percent, or \$1 million, whichever is less, of moneys available to department for passenger rail service, on ultra-high-speed ground transportation.
<u>HB 2692</u>	Multi-State Rail Collaboration	Nathanson; Gorsek	Dexter, Lively, Marsh; Dembrow, Patterson	Directs DOT to work with WDOT and British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to develop plans to operate and fund rail transportation.
<u>HB 3481</u>	Expands use of State Rail Rehabilitation Fund	Mannix		Expands use of State Rail Rehabilitation Fund.
<u>HB 3477</u>	Relating to Railroads	Mannix		Removes tiers, based on length of track or public ownership of railroad, that establish distinction between types of short line railroads for purposes of determining amount of tax credit allowed for rehabilitation of short line railroad.