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LD 672 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation To Use a Rail Corridor Use Advisory Council in Reviewing the Mountain Division Line for Potential Nonrail Uses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 52 directs the Department of Transportation to review the Mountain Division Line rail corridor for potential nonrail uses through a rail corridor use advisory council.

Resolve 2021, chapter 52 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 14, 2021.

LD 821 An Act To Improve the Investigation and Prosecution of Cases That Involve Vulnerable Road Users

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 379 requires a law enforcement officer who investigates a reportable accident involving a vulnerable user or an incident resulting in bodily injury or death to a vulnerable user and who has probable cause to believe that a traffic infraction, civil violation or criminal violation is connected to that accident or incident to inform a district attorney about the investigation within five days and submit a final accident report as soon as is practicable and no later than 60 days after the accident or incident. It also specifies that evidence submitted by a law enforcement officer later than 60 days after an accident or incident described in the law may be used in the prosecution of a criminal violation or civil violation. Under the traffic laws, a vulnerable user is a person on a public way who is more vulnerable to injury than a person in a motor vehicle.

LD 991 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Conduct an Economic Evaluation Study for Commuter and Passenger Train Service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 56 does the following.

1. It requires the Department of Transportation to conduct an economic evaluation study for commuter and passenger train service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area.
2. It requires the study to include an economic evaluation of commuter and passenger rail service that builds upon data and potential next steps included in the Lewiston-Auburn Passenger Rail Service Plan published May 2019.
3. It requires the department to conduct a high-level alternatives analysis for two corridors to support selection of a preferred alignment and for comparison to other transportation connections between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area. This work will provide input