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The 2023 Transportation Budget, ESHB 1125, requires the department to provide updates on the ongoing coordination with the state of Oregon regarding the new I-5 bridge over the Columbia River. Section 305 (16) (c) reads:

The department shall provide regular updates on the status of ongoing coordination with the state of Oregon on any bistate agreements regarding sharing of revenues, use of revenues, and fiscal responsibilities of each state. Prior to finalizing any such agreement, the department shall provide a draft of the agreement to the transportation committees of the legislature for review and input. Additionally, the department shall advise on the status of any bistate agreements to the joint transportation committee beginning in September 2023 and quarterly thereafter until any agreements are finalized.

WSDOT's Report

The Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) Program began initial conversations in Q4 2022 regarding how revenues will be shared between the states, particularly toll revenues collected on the bi-state facility. This effort will begin in earnest in September 2023 and will include representatives from both departments of transportation, the Office of Financial Management, Washington Office of the State Treasurer, Oregon State Treasury, Washington Attorney General's Office, Oregon Department of Justice, and outside consultancy as necessary.

If you have questions regarding these activities, please feel free to contact Charla Skaggs, WSDOT Toll Division Government Relations, skaggsc@consultant.wsdot.wa.gov.