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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Sen. Ginny Burdick and Reps. Jules Bailey and Vicki Berger, Co-Chairs Joint Committee on Tax Credits; Legislative Revenue Office

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Subject: Comments Concerning House Bill 3672 -4 Amendments

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment concerning the -4 Amendment to House Bill 3672. On behalf of the Oregon Transit Association, I'd like to thank you for addressing many of my client's concerns in the -4 Amendment. The OTA would like to register an additional recommendation for your consideration.

Recommendation:

Section 56 (3): Definition of Transit Provider

- Strike "private" from the subsection as follows:

"(3) 'Transportation project' means a public, private or nonprofit entity that provides transportation services to members of the public or an alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure project.

Rationale:

We believe the legislature's intent is to provide credits for public transit related projects. However, the current -4 language appears to authorize credits for airport shuttles, taxis, limousine services and for-profit bus transportation (e.g. Greyhound); etc. By deleting "private," the definition would apply only to the transit agencies and non-profits providing public and non-profit transit services.