

Five Reasons to Oppose House Bill 3316

1. Like the Legislature, **TriMet's board districts are apportioned based on population.** *HB 3316 would move away from proportional representation and towards local political appointments that are not representative of population, but of political boundaries.*
2. **Politicizing appointments will politicize investment decisions.** An example is the CTRAN board in Vancouver, Washington. *HB 3316 may damage a transit agency that has a long track record of success.*
3. Appointed boards (like TriMet and the Port of Portland) assure that agencies have representatives from a variety of relevant professions, with diverse experience and background. Appointed boards also **assure that no single interest dominates** membership, **assuring diversity** and **broad representation.**
4. **The business community has long supported TriMet** with its payment of the payroll tax in part because of TriMet's appointed board. Over the years key business leaders have served on the TriMet board. *HB 3316 would severely damage this link between TriMet and the business community.*
5. **TriMet's recent service cuts and fare increases are not due to board structure,** but the impacts of the recession and health care costs that are not sustainable and difficult for the board to control. *HB 3316 will not provide the agency the tools necessary to address TriMet's unsustainable health care costs.*