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Chair Caddy McKeown
House Committee on Transportation
And Economic Development
900 Court St. - State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Chair McKeown and members of the Committee:

My name is Stacy Cowan and I am with SEIU Local 503. We represent 55,000 Oregonians doing more than 500 different jobs in 85 state, local government and non-profit agencies and care facilities. I am here today to testify in support of HB 2748-3.

The services we provide include helping deaf people get access to education, testing new drivers, collecting revenue, securing contracts and purchase orders, helping veterans, assisting at-risk youth, repairing bridges, maintaining Oregon's parks and caring for children, seniors, and people with disabilities — just to name a few.

As a union who represents public employees, we care deeply about the quality of public services provided to the residents of our state-- that includes the quality of our public infrastructure. We believe that our infrastructure to deliver vital services has been neglected for too long and we can't afford to put off needed investment any longer.

We support ways of financing infrastructure that support continued public stewardship, including public sector jobs and believe that the Public Infrastructure Commission is crucial in developing approaches that could be models for the nation and provide a path forward here in Oregon.

As an appointed member of the Commission, I look forward to the opportunity to continue researching and evaluating innovative methods for public infrastructure projects in Oregon.

I urge you to support HB 2748-3. Thank you for your time.

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