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The above listed Oregon businesses and trade associations urge you to support provisions included in the proposed highway funding bill that support the wise use of our highway dollars.

Those accountability provisions specifically address issues with Oregon's long required directive that agencies construct public improvements at "least cost" to the Oregon taxpayer. See ORS 279C.305. Oregon's current law in this regard lacks robust requirements regarding agencies' cost accounting methods and lacks an efficient means for the State to enforce the wise use of our highway funds.

The accountability provisions included in this bill prevent agencies from avoiding the law and thereby self-perform work in a costly manner to the state of Oregon's taxpayers. The provisions in the bill require BOLI to develop robust methods regarding agencies' cost accounting, and it gives BOLI the authority to enforce current legal requirements.

You should support the Bill because:

- It improves enforcement of long-standing State's policy regarding wise use of highway funds.
- It requires agencies to account for their use of highway funds and other taxpayer funds.
- It creates higher-paying, living-wage jobs in the private sector, while allowing agencies to employ workers to perform traditional maintenance responsibilities to preserve the investments in public infrastructure.
- It ensures that the roads and public improvement projects are delivered at the least cost, while increasing tax revenue from private enterprise work on Oregon's roads and bridges.