

Chair Beyer & members of the committee,

Although I am an elected city councilor, I write to you today as a citizen in opposition of SB1521.

The way the bill is written, citizens here in Canby, a city with its own transit system, would have TriMet taxes deducted from their paychecks if they are employed within the TriMet boundary. It is unfair to tax all workers regardless of whether or not they use the transit system. Only a fraction of TriMet's operating costs are paid with fares. I would suggest first raising fares so those who use the system, fund the system.

Also, having the state legislature give taxing authority to an unelected board who will certainly use it to further an agenda that citizens in my county strongly oppose, is simply the wrong thing to do.

Voters in Clackamas County have said no to Tri Met and to Metro multiple times and by large margins. SB 1521 would serve as an end around the voters.

I urge you to protect the citizens right to vote on taxation and vote no on SB 1521.

Thank you.
Traci Hensley
Canby, OR

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)