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Oregon League of Conservation Voters Testimony on HB 3230

Representative Caddy McKeown & Members of the House Committee on Transportation Policy
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Helm, Vice-Chairs Johnson and Power, and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV) and our supporters across the state, I ask you to support House Bill 3230. OLCV leads the fight to protect the environment in the Oregon State Legislature by coordinating a statewide coalition of environmental groups that promote environmental protection in the Legislature.

HB 3230 expands the Oregon Safe Routes to School program. We believe HB 3230 is a helpful accompaniment as the Legislature contemplates a comprehensive transportation package this session. OLCV will support a transportation package that is multimodal and includes robust transit funding.

OLCV supports HB 3230 because Safe Routes to School gives students access to modern transportation options – biking, walking, and public transit. These alternative transportation methods ultimately lead our state to have fewer cars on the road. Without dedicated funding, such as this bill authorizes, it is proving difficult to fund these vital needs.

Fewer cars on the road means less climate-changing pollution and healthier, more breathable air – and more livable cities.

Thank you for considering HB 3230.

Sincerely,

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