

HB 2745-A2

Chair Barnhart and members of the committee

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition supports HB 2745A to provide citizens in Central Oregon the option of providing for better public transportation for their citizens.

We all know that individuals wishing to access education, medical treatment and other supports for daily living such as shopping can succeed if they have access to public transportation.

Allowing differing levels of community support for public transportation according to the need their local area desires.

As our population ages, access to public transportation is increasingly important. To maintain seniors' safety and independence in their homes, public transportation becomes vital for health appointments, shopping and even socialization.

The estimated senior population in the geographical area this bill affects extrapolated from the US Census 2015 estimates are:

Crook	5,574
Deschutes	34,267
Jefferson	4,102

We urge you to support this bill for the future of public transportation in Central Oregon.

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