



April 17, 2019

The Honorable Representative McKeown and Senator Beyer, Chairs  
Representative Noble and Senator Boquist, Vice-Chairs  
Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation  
900 Court St NE Salem OR 97301

Chairs McKeown and Beyer, Vice Chairs Noble and Boquist, Members of the Committee,

On behalf of The Street Trust, we thank you for the opportunity to comment **in support of HB 2015**.

The Street Trust is a non-profit membership organization working to promote and improve public transit, walking and bicycling conditions in Oregon. Our membership represents over 14,000 Oregonians dedicated to create communities where people can meet their daily transportation needs through active transportation.

We know that often our most marginalized communities are also the ones that are most reliant on driving to get to work, school, places of worship, the hospital, the grocery store and community spaces. The cost of not having a driver's license goes far beyond just the ability or inability to drive. No one should have to live in fear while trying to meet their basic needs. Beyond that, more people driving with a license rather than without means more people on the road who have taken the driving test, and consequently means safer streets for everyone.

The Street Trust urges the Joint Transportation Committee to pass HB 2015 because our immigrant friends and families should not have to live in fear. They should not have to live in fear of being deported or worry about their families being torn apart simply because of a traffic violation.

We thank you for your time and consideration, and hope you will pass HB 2015 with "yes" vote.

Sincerely,

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The Street Trust