



Wednesday, June 19, 2019

The Honorable Ginny Burdick  
The Honorable Herman Baertschiger Jr.  
Senate Committee on Rules  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB 1053

Dear Senators,

TriMet has adopted a neutral position on the adoption of SB 1053. If passed and signed by the Governor, TriMet will work to respond to both the spirit and the letter of the new legislation.

Given the lateness of the session, we do not think it is practical to try and work on changes to the bill at this point. However, we would like to express our reservations regarding the potential ramifications and unintended consequences of the proposed legislation and request the opportunity to return to this or another appropriate committee to amend the legislation if it is determined that the legislation is not workable in its current form.

TriMet's concerns relate to how this legislation may conflict with other requirements placed on the agency by both state and federal law regarding safety management and reporting, civil liability mitigation, privacy rights of employees, attorney-client privilege and public records. Should these existing requirements be found to be in conflict with the provisions of SB 1053, we ask that this committee or another appropriate committee work with the agency and interested parties to consider adjustments that ensure that the agency can meet all of these important requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bernie Bottomly".

Bernie Bottomly  
Executive Director  
Public Affairs