



March 16, 2021

Chair Lee Beyer
Senate Energy and Environment Committee
Oregon Legislature
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Senate Bill 803 – Support

Dear Chair Beyer and Members of the Committee;

On behalf of the Oregon Transit Association and its public transportation providers, I write to inform you of our support for Senate Bill 803. The Oregon Transit Association is a nonprofit association that assists members in the development and improvement of efficient, safe and convenient transportation services, techniques and methods, and facilities and equipment. Members are large and small providers serving rural and metropolitan areas across Oregon.

The transit community experiences persistent theft of catalytic converters from fleet vehicles. In addition to the replacement cost, our providers serve vulnerable individuals and these acts of vandalism significantly impact community members with potential long-term effects. Senate Bill 803, requiring the seller to identify where the converter comes from, is an approach which has the least economic impact to all.

On behalf of our members we respectfully ask you to pass Senate Bill 803, as written.

Sincerely,

Andi Howell
2020-2021 OTA President
Transit Director, Sandy Area Metro