

Co-Chairs Sen. Gorsek and Rep. McLain, members of the Joint Committee,

My name is Duane Fickeisen and I reside in SE Portland at 2360 SE 58th Ave.

I am 76 years old and widowed. I hope to remain in my home for as long as is feasible. At some point I will no longer drive myself, and then to remain in my home, I will be dependent on public transportation, ride share services, and home delivery.

I have long been deeply concerned about climate change, both from reductions in GHG emissions and from resilience. I walk over four miles a day. When I drive it is in a very efficient PHEV.

Consequently I am very concerned about safe, convenient, and reliable public transportation that does not emit greenhouse gasses. I am also concerned about pedestrian safety, and in particular about drivers who frequently ignore even marked crosswalks.

We need improved infrastructure for EVs, including charging stations and upgrades to the electric grid. Public transit agencies and school districts should have incentives to accelerate the transition to electric vehicles.

Deferred maintenance should be funded at levels that begin to catch up, with a lens of improving travel efficiency and safety and upgrading bridges and their approaches for earthquake resilience.

The Columbia River Crossing should be replaced to improve safety and earthquake resilience, and must include provisions for public transit including rail and bus. However, the project should be scaled back to discourage increased single vehicle travel.

I favor exploration of removal of the segment of I-5 between both ends of I-405 in order to open up access to the Willamette River. Thus I am opposed to new travel lanes in that segment. New lanes have been shown over and over not to be a long-term solution to congestion.

I favor permitting gas tax revenues to be used for non-motorized transportation solutions. As the shift away from fossil fuels continues, new

sources of revenue to support transportation infrastructure are needed, including things like fees for vehicle miles traveled. However, any tolling must not result in shifting traffic from major highways to neighborhood streets.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
/s/ Duane H. Fickeisen