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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB2781

Hon. Committee Members:

I oppose this bill, for the third time, for the same reasons it was rejected before.

1. We already have two agencies prioritizing transportation spending (city of Salem and ODOT). We need another layer like a hole in the head.
2. A billion dollars to build another bridge while existing potholes go begging? The congestion on the existing bridges has fallen in the last two years and the money is better spent on maintaining our existing infrastructure.
3. If more capacity becomes a critical need in the future I am told the existing bridges could be widened for a much lower cost.
4. Climate issues make restraining traffic growth a critical issue. Use the land use system to encourage folks to live close to their jobs rather than encouraging long distance commuters with more bridges and roads.
5. Money for road improvements should come from road users not property taxes. Again, we should be trying to reduce travel not encourage it by subsidizing road construction and from property taxes.

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