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Co-Chairs Wagner and Fahey, Vice-Chairs Bonham and Drazan, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of LC 2. My name is Jonyee Robinson and I've worked as an ODOT Contract and Procurement Specialist for almost 2 years. As a Contract and Procurement Specialist, I safeguard taxpayer dollars by ensuring every contract the state enters is legally sound, cost-effective, and delivers on time. I manage the full contract lifecycle from solicitations and negotiations to execution and compliance, making sure public funds are spent responsibly and that services Oregonians rely on aren't delayed or disrupted.

If this role is cut, the state faces real risks: wasted funds from poorly managed contracts, legal challenges from non-compliance, and costly delays to critical services and infrastructure. My work is the frontline protection against those outcomes. Keeping this position funded is not just about a job, it's about protecting Oregon's budget, its projects, and the people who depend on them every day.

If I'm laid off, the impact will be felt immediately by me and my family. I am the primary source of income, and the sudden loss of employment would create financial instability, forcing me to make difficult choices about housing, healthcare, and basic living expenses. Beyond the personal hardship, it would mean the loss of the stability and progress I've worked hard to build in my career.

For the state of Oregon, losing my role would create a ripple effect. My work ensures contracts are executed legally, on time, and in full compliance with state and federal requirements. Without this oversight, ODOT faces increased risks of delays, compliance issues, and costly errors that ultimately affect taxpayers and the public we serve. Layoffs like mine would not only harm families but also weaken the state's ability to deliver safe, efficient, and legally sound transportation projects that Oregonians rely on every day.

Please vote in support of this proposal and invest in ODOT to keep Oregon safe and moving forward.

Thank you,

Jonyee Robinson