

August 22, 2025

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 Greg Chasteen and I've worked as part of ODOT's Striping and plowing team for 25 years. We keep the public safe by plowing the roads during winter. If we don't do our jobs then our state would have all kinds of fatalities. During the summer, we are striping the freeway and highways. This is very important work so people don't have crossovers or drive off the road. We put signs up so people have directions and know where to go. I hope this bill is passed or we just don't get the work done.

We need our employees. We are already short-staffed. We are struggling in getting the work done now and we are also putting ourselves in harm's way. Our safety should be first, but it's not.

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

Thank you,

Greg Chasteen