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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of LC 2. My name is Kyle Martin and I've worked as an ODOT Transportation Maintenance Specialist 2 for 12 years. We are sometimes first on scene to most accidents, and when lanes/roads are closed, it's up to us to get the road open so Oregonians can drive from point A to point B. During the winter, we are out there in dangerous conditions when everyone else is at home to keep the roads open and safe. I know a fellow colleague that I work with that watched a car drive off into a lake. He grabbed a wrench, jumped in the water, broke out the back window of the car and rescued an elderly man. If we had not been there I am almost positive that individual would've passed away in that lake.

If we lose positions, it's gonna be very difficult to continue keeping the road safe. The road closures are gonna take a lot longer to open. If the legislators can think if their families had to drive on some of these roads in very bad condition, I'm sure they would want ODOT to continue business as normal to keep their family members safe.

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

Thank you,

Kyle Martin