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Please see the attached PDF for my full testimony.

In summary: Oregon's transportation funding debate is not just about revenue, it is about compliance. Federal funds under 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Title 23 CFR (Highways), and Title 49 CFR (Transit) are restricted to specific objectives: capital projects, preservation, safety, and equitable access. They cannot lawfully be mixed with state dollars to backfill payroll, debt, or political shortfalls.

My attached testimony, submitted under the alias Section 2 C.F.R. Watcher, lays out:

- The federal purpose of these funds.
- How mixing state and federal money creates noncompliance.
- CFR citations showing risks in the Governor's plan, HB 2025, Republican austerity proposals, and ODOT's debt strategy.
- Two appendices contrasting media spin with legal requirements and summarizing federal program objectives.

Before raising taxes or cutting services, this body must order a compliance review to prevent audit findings, clawbacks, and misuse of federal awards.