



TODAY'S MANUFACTURED HOME

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Dear Governor Kotek and Members of the Legislature:

On behalf of the Oregon Manufactured Housing Association (OMHA), thank you for your continued leadership on addressing the state's transportation infrastructure needs. We appreciate the seriousness of the challenges facing Oregon's roadways and public transit systems and recognize that sustainable funding is critical to maintaining safety and access.

As your administration advances its transportation funding proposal, we respectfully urge consideration of the **unique impacts it will have on Oregon's rural communities and the manufactured housing industry.**

Manufactured homes provide one of the **last remaining pathways to naturally affordable, unsubsidized homeownership** in Oregon—especially in rural and underserved regions. However, the proposed increases in title fees, registration costs, and fuel-related taxes will directly affect the **transportation, delivery, and siting** of manufactured homes. These costs, while incremental per transaction, add up quickly in an industry that already operates on tight margins and serves price-sensitive consumers.

Additionally, rural communities—where manufactured housing is often the only viable housing option—**face longer transport routes, fewer alternative transit options, and limited local infrastructure investment.** Any new fees or road usage charges will disproportionately affect these areas, and **delays or disruptions in home delivery could have serious consequences** for families awaiting housing.

We understand the need for balanced, forward-looking infrastructure investment. But we must also acknowledge that **increased transportation and vehicle-related costs will inevitably be passed on to consumers,** making it more difficult for working families and seniors on fixed incomes to achieve or maintain homeownership.

While we recognize the importance of maintaining critical infrastructure—especially in rural Oregon—and agree that state agencies must be held to the highest standards of budget accountability, OMHA is taking a **neutral position on LC 02.** We understand that rural communities, whether ODOT is bailed out or not, will foot the bill. We ask that those voting on this concept consider the ramifications on our industry.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

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