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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation
Funding
Measure, Appointment or LC 2
Topic:

To whom this concerns: I ask that you do not pass this version of the transportation tax bill. Although it is somewhat slimmed down from the previous version HB 2025, it will have a heavy impact on many Oregonians; including myself. Maybe \$300 does not seem like a lot to you, it is to many. This would be another increase when I am already having to deal with many others including food, medical costs, etc. I would not currently be able to keep up with my living expensed without my family's help. Oregon is one of the most expensive places to live. We do not need it to become the #1 most expensive place. I think ODOT has more of a spending issue than a funding issue. Return your focus to your primary goal: Ensuring Oregonians have safe roads and infrastructure. Your mission statement states: Today, we DEVELOP programs related to Oregon's system of highways, roads, and bridges; railways; public transportation services; transportation safety programs; driver and vehicle licensing; and motor carrier regulation. It appears a lot of money is spent on developing. I have not seen a lot go into action; primarily in the Tri County area of Portland. When I look at the ODOT budgets I see a lot of personnel funds. I see a lot of Equity funds. My thoughts are that administrative personnel and Equity funds can be trimmed down and/or cut. A thorough audit should be done, by outside parties, highlighting where the cuts can be made. Focus on the core issues of building where needed, keeping the rest up to par. Get rid of the fat and there is fat: administrative cuts, DEI cuts, Homeless camp clean up cuts. And more. Just do your actual job responsibly. I am asking that you do not pass this HB. Thank you for your time.