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Hon. committee members: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3453.

Running empty or nearly empty trains down tracks needed for freight movement benefits neither the Oregon economy nor the climate. The answer has two parts:

1. Ensure electric vehicles have adequate charging infrastructure available in the routes under consideration.
2. Figure out a way to encourage folks to live in the city they work in. Perhaps make it legal to consider place of residence when hiring?

Continuing to maintain and improve our highways should be a far higher priority than providing subsidized travel for folks that don't want to live in and contribute to solving the problems of the cities where they work.

Please give this bill the burial it deserves.

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