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When I was a child living in Hood River, my father was no longer able to drive and my mother never learned. We used the VA hospital in Portland for our medical care and the train for our transportation. It was then I developed my love for the comfort and ease of travel by train. Fast forward to having to drive to Portland from Salem every day for work for 6 years. Many times delayed by accidents and bad weather. On some days I would take the train and public transportation- no worries about traffic jams, having a cup of coffee and a snack, and the ability to use that time to do some work instead of stressing out in a traffic mess. No need to search for limited and expensive parking. Unfortunately, the times the train travels were not conducive to my work schedule and now Amtrak uses buses in the early trips which defeat the purpose of avoiding traffic jams. By expanding WES and establishing a good regular schedule, it would alleviate the scheduling concerns. This is also more cost effective as no wear and tear on my car. I would get to work having already gotten work done on the way and more relaxed and ready for the day.

Please support HB 3453 for all the benefits it would provide - cleaner air, fewer traffic jams, and all the things I mentioned above.

Respectfully, Rosalie Pedroza