

Submitter: Kiel Johnson
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

I'm writing to express my strong support for state investment in the Salmonberry Trail. 13 years ago I started Go By Bike as a bike repair shop under the Portland Aerial tram. Today we have expanded to operate the largest bike parking lot in North America. We park an average of 300 bikes a day year-round and up to 450 during the summer. We do this all in the space you could park 20 cars. This investment in the Salmonberry trail will continue to leverage Oregon's existing investments in biking by creating a world class biking destination.

The Salmonberry Trail will bring a range of benefits to Oregonians—boosting local economies through increased tourism, promoting public health through active recreation, and improving transportation safety for those who currently lack safe alternatives to busy highways. It also creates equitable access to the outdoors, especially for rural communities that have historically seen less investment in recreational infrastructure.

As the state considers funding priorities, I urge you to include the Salmonberry Trail. This is a smart, future-focused investment that will serve Oregon for generations to come.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,
Kiel Johnson
Owner and Founder Go By Bike