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Written Testimony Opposing HB 2025

Opposition to HB 2025 – Transportation Reinvestment Package

Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing as a concerned Oregon resident to express my strong opposition to House Bill 2025. While maintaining and improving our transportation system is important, this bill represents a costly, unaccountable, and intrusive expansion of state government that will harm working families.

1. Big Spending with Little Oversight

HB 2025 would authorize massive new spending without clearly outlining how funds will be allocated, what results are expected, or how performance will be measured. Oregon's transportation system needs efficient management, not more bureaucracy. Taxpayer dollars must be spent wisely and with full accountability, and this bill does not provide those guarantees.

2. Tax Increases That Hurt Working Oregonians

Hidden in the language of this bill are tax and fee increases that will impact everyday Oregonians: vehicle registration hikes, mileage-based road usage charges, and more. With inflation still affecting our daily lives, now is not the time to ask people to pay more for essential transportation.

3. Neglect of Rural Communities

This bill takes a one-size-fits-all approach, and that does not work for rural Oregon. Public transit and urban bike lanes are not realistic options in many parts of the state. People in rural areas depend on personal vehicles for long-distance travel to work, school, and medical services. HB 2025 doesn't take any of that into account.

4. Misplaced Priorities

Instead of focusing on repairing highways, maintaining freight routes, and addressing congestion, HB 2025 diverts resources to ideological projects under the banner of climate and sustainability. Oregon needs to prioritize infrastructure that supports

commerce, safety, and practical travel, not political agendas.

HB 2025 is the wrong solution at the wrong time. It places a heavier burden on taxpayers without the oversight, accountability, or common sense focus that Oregon needs. I urge the committee to vote NO on this bill and seek fiscally responsible alternatives that reflect the values of hardworking Oregonians.

Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Sabrina Smead