

Submitter: Michael Wolf
On Behalf Of: HB3992
Committee: Joint Special Session Committee On Transportation
Funding
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3992

To whom this may concern,

I am writing as your constituent to respectfully urge you to vote **UNEQUIVOCALLY NO** on House Bill 3992, currently under consideration

HB 3992 reallocates funds and increases spending limits for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to enable implementation of HB 3991. While transportation funding is important, I am deeply concerned about the budget priorities and lack of accountability reflected in this bill:

1. Massive Spending with Limited Oversight – HB 3992 authorizes hundreds of millions in new spending for ODOT despite ongoing issues with cost overruns and project mismanagement. Simply adding funding, even with audits, does not guarantee reform.
2. Misaligned Priorities – The bill largely supports road and highway spending, yet does not adequately invest in public transit, walking, or biking infrastructure. These omissions are inconsistent with Oregon's climate and equity goals.
3. Emergency Clause Misuse – Declaring this bill an emergency bypasses typical review and prevents voters from referring it to the ballot. Oregonians deserve more time and transparency for legislation involving such large sums.
4. Fiscal Responsibility – With budget pressures across education, housing, and healthcare, diverting General Fund dollars and expanding ODOT's budget at this scale seems premature and unbalanced.
5. Enabling HB 3991 – HB 3992's main function is to facilitate HB 3991, which itself raises taxes and fees on working Oregonians without providing fair returns or alternatives.

For these reasons, I urge you to oppose HB 3992

Thank you for your service and for considering the concerns of your constituents. Please stand with Oregonians who want responsible, transparent, and forward-thinking transportation policy.

Sincerely,
Michael Wolf