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

To the Members of the Oregon Legislature:

I respectfully oppose HB 3992.

This bill introduces several fiscal and procedural changes that deserve closer scrutiny and public input. While some may view it as a technical adjustment, its implications are far-reaching:

- General Fund Appropriations: HB 3992 modifies how funds are allocated to the Emergency Board, shifting financial authority without transparent public oversight.
- Agency Spending Limits: It alters biennial spending caps for certain state agencies, potentially weakening safeguards that ensure responsible use of taxpayer dollars.
- Highway Cost Study Funding: It appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to support a review of the highway cost allocation methodology required by HB 3991. While infrastructure studies are important, this funding should be discussed openly—not buried in a broader fiscal bill.
- Emergency Clause: The bill includes an emergency declaration, allowing it to take effect immediately upon passage. This limits the public's opportunity to understand and respond to its provisions.

Oregonians deserve transparency in how public funds are managed. Bundling multiple fiscal changes into a single bill—especially one with an emergency clause—risks bypassing meaningful public engagement. These decisions affect our communities, our infrastructure, and our trust in government.

I urge you to vote no on HB 3992 until each provision can be debated individually, with full transparency and public accountability.

Respectfully,
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