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I am writing to support HB 2025. My husband and I moved to Portland because of the public transportation here. We take the bus, the Max, or the streetcar almost every day. Use of public transportation keeps cars off the road. This makes traffic move more smoothly for people who prefer to use their cars. It helps the environment. There really is no downside to public transportation. Since the Covid pandemic, buses run less frequently because they have fewer passengers. This, of course, makes them less useful and results in even fewer passengers. Portland has a good transportation system, but like most other things, if you starve it of money, it can be destroyed. This will make life very difficult for people who cannot drive or cannot afford a car. Please continue to invest in public transportation.