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Committee: Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment
Measure: HB 2025

Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice-Chairs Starr and Boshart-Davis, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment,

Please vote no on HB 2025. This bill is like a bloated credit card bill that a faithless gambling spouse tries to keep secret from the one who works and pays the bills. Crafted in a basement hideaway. Kept hidden until hours before the committee hearing. The actual cost of the bill unknown even though public hearings are scheduled.

While Oregonians struggle to pay high grocery bills, ever-increasing housing costs and property taxes, skyrocketing energy bills, and healthcare costs through the roof (if you can even find a physician who can afford to live in Oregon and practice at your local hospital), the authors of HB 2025 have filled HB 2025 with new taxes, frivolous projects, and lavish spending.

Yes, we have transportation needs in Oregon, but HB 2025 is not the answer. Please go back to the drawing board. Consider a plan that tightens your belts like we have been forced to tighten ours. Be the responsible partner. Be transparent. Be honest with Oregon voters about how much you are asking them to sacrifice. The people of Oregon are struggling to make ends meet. We're cutting our spending to survive. Join us in the struggle and figure out how to make ends meet with NO NEW TAXES. Remember every tax you impose is squeezing an Oregon worker. And an Oregon voter.

Vote no on HB 2025.