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I supported this concept last session and am glad to see it return. As such, here is my testimony from last year which is still relevant:

As someone who always does the posted speed limit (or below when conditions warrant it), I strongly support SB 711. Currently, when I drive through work zones such as the I-205 Abernethy Bridge zone or the Aurora/Donald work zone, I always get in the right lane and do the work zone speed limit. Even then, I'm being passed by drivers (including triple trailer semis) going significantly above even the regularly posted speed. In the Aurora/Donald zone, the speed reader regularly clocks everyone around me going 70+. I often feel unsafe doing the work zone speed because it feels like I'm going to get run over by other drivers who are impatient and uninterested in slowing down. By enforcing work zone speeds, we make conditions safer for workers AND safer for drivers. If anything, I wish it was proposed to be enforced all day and not just when workers are present, but this is a step in the right direction.

Note: While I am a registered lobbyist for 1000 Friends of Oregon, this testimony is only on behalf of myself.