

Dear Representatives of the Oregon House Rules Committee

My wife and I live in Tangent, in the southern part of Linn County. We are strongly opposed HB2974, the formation of a Salem bridge district, generally, and, specifically to the inclusion of Linn County within that district.

Oregon does not need added reliance on infrastructure just to alleviate automotive rush hour traffic in Salem. The existing two bridges are quite sufficient. Adding a bridge will NOT solve the traffic problem, it will only bring more cars. Is not that exactly the problem that is being addressed by the Carbon bill? Here, you are doing something that is going in exactly the opposite direction. Or, is it simply "That's important for them, but not us!"?

Further, it is totally inappropriate to include Linn County within that bill. You will find far more commuters from Benton County using the Salem bridge system yet Benton County is not included. It makes no sense at all for the small number of Linn County drivers who even bother to go to Salem.

Please kill HB2974.

Yours, sincerely,

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