



Testimony to the Joint Committee on Transportation

In Support of HB 2342

April 20, 2021,

Good morning chair Beyer and members of the Joint Transportation Committee, I am Marshall Coba representing the American Council of Engineering Companies and our 115 member firms employing nearly 3,200 statewide. I am here to support HB 2342.

ACEC has always been active and supportive of ensuring an adequate and robust highway fund. Our members know first hand the need for maintenance and expansion of the current system. We also understand the very real concern about a declining highway fund and the significant impacts we are facing as a state as the fleet becomes much more efficient and the historical funding mechanism falls behind.

We were intimately involved in the large package in 2017 and we feel the same passion for this smaller package as it maintains Oregon's position as a policy leader in transportation funding nationally.

We monitored the work of the Road User Fee Task Force and appreciate Rep. Lively's leadership on this issue.

On a personal note, my family will continue to do our share to maintain the highway fund with a Suburban and a full size pickup.

We encourage your support on HB 2342.

Thank you.