



DATE: February 3, 2022
TO: Co-Chairs McLain and Beyer, Joint Committee on Transportation
FROM: Mallorie Roberts, Legislative Director, Association of Oregon Counties
RE: Senate Bill 1558, Section 8

Co-Chairs Beyer and McLain and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), representing Oregon's 36 county governments, I offer the following comments in opposition to Section 8 of SB 1558.

Section 8 prohibits local governments from charging per-trip taxes or fees on transportation network companies or third-party food delivery platforms unless the proceeds are used solely for the regulation of those entities or for funding electric vehicle charging infrastructure. AOC prioritizes local control and flexibility in revenue raising ability and therefore opposes this preemption. The proposal removes one of the very few options counties have to generate revenue to support and maintain the county road system.

While AOC has no position on the substance of the -2 amendment, we support the removal Section 8 of the bill as introduced. We respectfully request that you not move SB 1558 out of the committee this session without the -2 amendments.

AOC appreciates the committee's consideration of these comments and looks forward to the opportunity to discuss how we can accomplish the goals inherent in this proposal without preempting local control.

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