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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB3224

Co-Chair Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice-Chair Boquist and Boshart Davis, and members of the Committee.

I am writing to express my strong support for HB3224, which would require collaboration between the Department of Transportation, State Department of Energy, Department of Environmental Quality, City of Salem, and mass transit agencies to study the feasibility of developing a rail streetcar system in the city of Salem.

I believe that transportation is a crucial aspect of our community's infrastructure, and improving public transit options in Salem will have significant benefits for our residents. A rail streetcar system has the potential to greatly improve mobility within the city and provide a sustainable alternative to driving. It could also stimulate economic development and attract new businesses to the area.

This bill aligns with my policy priorities of promoting environmental sustainability and reducing carbon emissions. By encouraging the development of public transportation, we can reduce the number of vehicles on the road, which will in turn reduce air pollution and mitigate the impact of climate change.

I urge you to support HB3224 and to prioritize the development of a sustainable, efficient, and effective public transportation system in Salem.