

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

I support HB 3224 involving the Salem streetcar investigation. As a Student at Willamette University and a community member at large, I recognize the significance of strong transportation infrastructure and argue the importance of HB 3224.

Transportation is an integral part of our lives, and it is essential to the growth and development of any city. However, with the increasing population and the growing number of vehicles on the road, we face many challenges when it comes to transportation. Congestion, pollution, and the high cost of transportation are just a few of the dilemmas we face.

A streetcar system can be a solution to all of these problems. It can offer an affordable and efficient means of transportation for everyone, regardless of income or location. It can also reduce the number of cars on the road, leading to less congestion and pollution and a cleaner and healthier environment.

Researching a mass transit system is essential for any city that wants to provide its residents with a sustainable and reliable transportation option. By conducting research, we can determine the feasibility of a mass transit system and identify the most effective and efficient means of implementing it. We can also assess the community's needs and determine what type of mass transit system would be most beneficial for the city.

Moreover, research can help us to identify the potential benefits and drawbacks of a mass transit system. It can help us to determine the impact that it would have on the environment, the economy, and the overall quality of life for residents. With this information, we can make informed decisions about whether or not to implement a mass transit system and how to do so in a way that maximizes its benefits while minimizing its drawbacks.

In conclusion, a mass transit system is essential for the city of Salem to address the challenges of transportation in the 21st century. By researching and developing a mass transit system, we can provide our residents with a sustainable and reliable means of transportation that is affordable, efficient, and accessible to everyone. I urge all of you to support the research and development of a mass transit system to begin the creation of a transportation system that benefits us all.

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