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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: SB1572

Dear Co-Chairs, Vice-Chairs and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation: I urge your support for SB 1572 to study an extension of the Westside Express Service to Keizer and Salem. It is past time to work to reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicles on I-5 between Salem and Portland. A commuter rail would help reduce the climate impact of so many cars on the highway, not to mention it would be a safer and more reliable way to commute between the cities. If we already had a regular rail commuter service, it is likely ODOT wouldn't be launching an enormously expensive new upgrade of the Aurora interchange. Commuter rail saves energy, lives and money. Thank you for your support .