

Submitter: Tobias Hodges
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3233

Dear Joint Committee on Transportation,

My name is Toby Hodges, and I am writing in strong support of HB 3233, which directs the Department of Transportation to collaborate with the Washington State Department of Transportation and the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to develop plans for operating and funding rail transportation.

Expanding and improving rail connectivity between Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia is critical for fostering economic growth, reducing traffic congestion, and promoting sustainable transportation options in the Pacific Northwest. A well-integrated rail system will provide an efficient, environmentally friendly alternative to road and air travel, benefiting commuters, businesses, and the tourism industry alike.

By taking steps to coordinate planning and funding efforts, this measure ensures that our region is proactively working toward a modern, high-quality rail system that meets the needs of a growing population while addressing urgent climate and infrastructure challenges. I urge you to support this initiative and prioritize investments in regional rail connectivity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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