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Increasing transportation options in the state of Oregon is crucial in allowing for mobility without the personal costs of high ownership costs of private automobiles and the overall health and climate consequences of private automobile use. Trains are the backbone of sustainable and scaleable transportation systems, and Oregon's is falling behind our neighbor states of Washington and California when it comes to this. Building out a reliable and frequent passenger rail system throughout the state will help to address our chronic housing shortage by allowing for middle and dense housing, which are much more feasible when private automobiles are not the only mode of transport. I support this bill that will help Oregon catch up to our neighboring states and address mobility and housing concerns.