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Every county in Oregon operates a bus system. Portland Metro incorporates rail along with a bus system. Amtrak already exists for intrastate travel. Alternatively, Greyhound operates in the state.

Oregonians pay \$.40/gal of gasoline tax which is used for infrastructure. Now the Legislature wants to impose a 4% state sales tax (on top of federal excise tax) to increase revenue to be used for infrastructure.

Let's take a lesson from our neighbor to the South.

California began a high-speed rail project that was estimated to cost \$33B in 2008. The cost has ballooned to \$128B as of the end of 2024. Currently, an additional \$100 billion is needed to complete the project according to Rail Authority, and there is no set timeline for when the system will be in operation.

Oregon's population is so small that a new rail project is not needed. Nor do we need to emulate California.

No on HB 3362.

Respectfully,