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I would like to voice my support of this bill to increase the funding and availability of rail transit in the state of Oregon. Rail is by far the most economically and energy efficient form of transport currently available. It is much cheaper when the individual costs of gas, insurance, maintenance, repair, and other payments are summed up for the population. This doesn't touch on the taxes which go towards subsidizing gas companies, maintaining roads, cleaning up pollution, or collective damages from climate change. Rail is more accessible for disabled people, the poor, and young and old. Rail would create local jobs, and elevated rail would be the safest evacuation in case of disaster. Elevated rail is more seismically safe than regular roads, and doesn't have to worry about congestion. A safe future demands rail, so I reiterate my ardent support for this bill.