

Submitter: Joel Bravo  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

My name is Joel Bravo and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am writing today to voice my support for House Bill 3362. The Amtrak Cascades service has had the distinction of breaking ridership records in both 2023 and 2024, reaching nearly 1 million riders last year. Without a doubt passenger rail is popular in Oregon and the demand is only growing in the face of increased traffic and the increased cost of car ownership, which has now exceeded \$10,000 per year in Oregon. With funding uncertainties due to the Trump administration, the cost of owning and maintaining a car only increasing, and a crisis in funding road maintenance, a modest tax on tire sales can help sustain the growth of high-demand passenger rail, reduce the maintenance costs on roads, and reduce the negative impact on Oregon's beloved terrain. For those that prefer driving, this funding provides the means by which more people can commute and travel by train, reducing the number of drivers on the road and creating a faster, safer, and more pleasant experience for Oregon's drivers.

This is common sense legislation and a rare win for every Oregonian. I strongly urge your YES vote for House Bill 3362.

Thank You,  
Joel Bravo