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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3453

My name is Adam Sunshine, and I am writing in strong support of HB 3453, which would expand and improve regional passenger rail service in the Willamette Valley. As a resident of the Portland-metro area and frequent user of public transportation, I recognize the critical need for more accessible, reliable, and sustainable transportation options between the major population centers in Oregon.

Expanding the WES commuter rail service beyond Wilsonville to Salem, and eventually to Eugene, will provide essential transportation access for Oregonians who do not drive, including seniors, young people, and individuals with disabilities. Additionally, by offering a viable alternative to single-occupancy vehicles, this bill will help reduce traffic congestion along I-5 while cutting down on greenhouse gas emissions, which are disproportionately driven by our transportation sector.

Reliable intercity transit is also an economic driver. By thoughtfully developing new transit stations and connections along the corridor, we can spur transit-oriented development, supporting new housing, businesses, and job opportunities that will strengthen local economies. Increased rail service will also improve access to essential services like healthcare and education, particularly for those in rural communities who rely on connections to larger urban centers.

HB 3453 is a critical step toward a more connected, sustainable, and equitable Oregon, where people can move freely between communities without depending on a car. I urge you to support this bill and invest in the future of transportation in our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Adam Sunshine