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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3453

Dear Co-Chair McLain, Co-Chair Gorsek, Vice-Chair Boshart-Davis, Vice-Chair Starr, and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

I strongly support HB 3453, which will expand regional transportation options, reduce congestion, and lower greenhouse gas emissions in the Willamette Valley.

Growing up in Utah along the Wasatch Front, I saw how the FrontRunner transformed commuting, connecting people to jobs, education, and essential services while spurring economic growth. Expanding WES service to Salem and Eugene can have similar benefits for Oregon, increasing mobility for the 30% of Oregonians who can't or don't drive and providing a much-needed alternative to I-5 congestion.

To maximize its impact, we must ensure thoughtful station development that fosters housing, retail, and job opportunities. Additionally, improving intercity transit will better connect rural and urban communities, ensuring more Oregonians can access essential services and recreation without relying on cars.

HB 3453 is a vital step toward a more connected and sustainable Oregon. I urge you to support this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.