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I am a transit bus operator in Lane county. I support this bill changing the law to help protect transit operators. I have personally been hit while in the seat of my bus, and been threatened many other times. It is safest for us to stop the bus when there is an individual that creates an unsafe environment, as it allows us to open the doors and hopefully get them away from both us and the passengers, while also reducing the dangers to the public at large. A bus driving down the road while the operator is being assaulted is dangerous for everyone on the road and in the bus. Unfortunately by stopping the bus the potential penalty for assaulting us goes down. This bill would correct that, and in doing so create a safer environment for everyone in the community.