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My name is Carver Akiteru Oblander and I live in Portland. I am writing to express my support for SB 715 and the creation of a high speed rail task force for Cascadia. The Cascadia corridor is already in desperate need for fast, reliable alternatives to existing modes of transportation, and this need will only continue to grow over time. A high speed rail line would be an absolute game-changer for the entire region.

Obviously, a project like this would be a massive undertaking and would require years (if not decades) of preparation. But the sooner we can start that journey, the sooner those wheels can start turning. If we don't take steps like establishing a task force now, we may end up stuck at the station when a future opportunity to make progress arrives.

Please support SB 715 to get us on the right track to a better future for transportation.

Thank you for your time.