



March 31, 2025

Joint Committee On Transportation
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support House Bill 3209, Abandoned Recreational Vehicle (RV) Disposal Fund

Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice-Chairs Starr and Boshart Davis, Members of the Joint Committee On Transportation,

The Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES), an affiliate of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), represents Oregon's 36 county public works agencies and road departments across the state. County roads are a critical component of Oregon's integrated road system and are responsible for over 60% of Oregon's non-federal road network, over 32,000 total miles, and 3,400 bridges.

Recreational Vehicles (RVs) are commonly abandoned on public properties, from our parks and public forests to our state highways, city streets, and rural county roads. Abandoned RVs quickly become hazardous both to the driving public and to our civil servants who must safely dispose of them. In recent years, more and more abandoned RVs have been left on roadsides across our state. Counties lack the capacity and resources needed to keep up with disposal costs.

OACES and county road departments urge you to support the creation of an Abandoned Recreational Vehicle Account at ODOT with sustainable funding through an RV tag fee.

County road departments support HB 3209 and urge you to provide these needed resources and fair funding sources to address the growing and expensive costs of disposing of hazardous abandoned RVs in public spaces. County road officials are grateful to be included in the discussion, we hope to have the opportunity for more in-depth conversations going forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mikel Diwan".

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