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Testimony on HB 3209

Joint Committee on Transportation

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Metro

Metro is the elected regional government that serves nearly 1.7 million people in the 24 cities and three counties of the Portland metropolitan area. We provide a broad range of public services that includes land use and transportation planning, housing and homeless services, solid waste and recycling operations, management of parks and natural areas, and operation of major visitor facilities.

Metro supports HB 3209 which will adjust RV registration fees to account for inflation and create a designated funding source for clean-up of abandoned RVs. The fees that support county and state parks have not been adjusted in 24 years while inflation impacted operations and maintenance costs.

Recently, Metro processed an abandoned RV, which is outside the scope of our solid waste operations and realized the difficulties of disposing a RV. Due to the contents within an RV, it is considered a hazardous material and requires specialized clean-up procedures which are costly and time consuming. Furthermore, this bill does not change any existing laws governing abandoned vehicle removal. A dedicated funding source will facilitate additional clean up efforts for a growing issue in our region

We urge your support for HB 3209.