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Joint Committee On Transportation

RE: Lane County Urges Support for 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,

Lane County's roads are a critical component of Oregon's integrated transportation system, responsible for over 1,400 total miles, over 425 bridges, and countless street signs, culverts, guardrails, and other safety features.

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 one hundred and twenty abandoned RVs have been left on roadsides across our county. Counties lack the capacity and resources needed to keep up with disposal costs.

Lane County plays a key role in managing Oregon's rural traffic safety and our number one priority is ensuring Oregonians can get to where they are going safely on our roads.

Abandoned RV disposal and road clean-up do not receive dedicated funding support, counties must divert limited road and enforcement revenue, sometimes as high as twenty two thousand dollars to safely return the road to working order. Lane County urges you to support the creation of an Abandoned Recreational Vehicle Account at ODOT with sustainable funding through an RV tag fee.

Lane County appreciates the ongoing engagement with this committee and the legislature as we work together to ensure the growth and sustainability of the State Highway Fund to support the operations, maintenance, preservation, and safety of our seamless transportation system into the future.

Lane County supports HB 3209 and urges 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. Lane County is grateful to be included in the discussion, and we hope to have the opportunity for more in-depth conversations going forward.

Sincerely,

David Loveall, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners