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I am greatly in support of HB1202. I came to Oregon for freight railroad work and moved to Portland specifically because for a midsized American city it has decent public transit including rail public transit. I have taken the bus to seaside but other than that I have not explored much of Oregon because my preferred method of transport is rail. In the past there used to be a pretty good network of railroads and inter urban rail lines connecting Oregon but now the only option is driving. An Oregon connected to itself by rail would do better for traffic reducing the need for wasteful freeway expansions and also have a great impact on the climate due to the incredible efficiency of trains even if still pulled by diesel motive power, though overhead electric is even better since Oregon has so much clean electricity. Oregon is already a wonderful state but an Oregon laced together with passenger rail would make it a stand out state for efficiency and climate protection.