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I live in Battle Ground Washington and commute almost every day to Lake Oswego for work. Passenger rail service improvement is very necessary to reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled on our highways. There are several rail corridors in Oregon and Washington which could be utilized as a public-private investment opportunities to move freight and passengers in a safe and speedy manner. SB 1202 would allow planning for both Oregon and Washington to work together for an all inclusive rail system. In Olympia ESHB 1837 is moving through the Senate and if passed that bill will improve performance of The Cascades train and attract riders from the I-5 Highway. Together ESHB 1837 and SB 1202 are travel opportunities the public have been wanting.