

April 9th, 2025

Joint Committee on Transportation  
Oregon State Legislature

RE: Senate Bill 9

Dear members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

I am writing to express my support on Senate Bill 9. This bill prioritizes requests for driver tests for those who live in rural communities. This bill demonstrates an understanding of the unique challenges faced in rural areas.

Our residents have been forced to choose between waiting months for appointment availability, commuting several hours to open DMV offices or spending hundreds of dollars on contracted vendors. Many in our county fall under the poverty line and cannot afford any of these options.

There are those at the Oregon State Legislature who believe in Diversity Equity and Inclusion. Our county is one of the most diverse in the state of Oregon, not only racially but economically as well. We need the equity in funding for our rural counties to be able to offer services to the historically underserved residents we represent. The state of Oregon also needs to be inclusive in its representation for ALL of Oregon and not maintain a strict focus on the I5 corridor of our state.

I believe this bill represents equity in access to DMV services in rural Oregon and will help advance opportunity to our residents. I ask that you support Senate Bill 9, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Seth Taylor

Jefferson County Commissioner