



To: Joint Committee On Transportation
900 Court Street NE Salem, OR

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Sub: Testimony in support of HB 2946

Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Members of the Committee.

For the record, my name is Eliza Walton. I am the coalition director at OLCV. The Oregon Conservation Network (OCN) is coordinated through the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV). It is a network of 40 not-for-profit organizations throughout Oregon, united to advocate for pro-conservation legislation and to fight policies that threaten our state's natural legacy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in strong support of HB 2945 and -1, which will accelerate Oregon's transition to zero-emission school buses.

HB 2945 is a vital step toward the broader electrification investments needed to ensure that Oregon's 2025 transportation package delivers cleaner air, healthier communities, and strong job growth in our clean energy economy.

The Zero-Emission School Bus Act (HB 2945) represents a key opportunity to accelerate transportation electrification, improve air quality and reduce harmful air and climate pollution in our communities. HB 2945 would support Oregon schools in the transition to zero-emission school buses by setting clear direction about when school districts should electrify, providing financial and technical assistance.

I respectfully urge you to support HB 2945 and encourage you to prioritize zero-emission transportation investments as part of Oregon's broader transportation funding package.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eliza Walton".

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