Submitter: Melissa Mendez

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2945

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

My name is Melissa Mendez, and I live in Keizer. I urge you to support HB 2945 and the -1 Amendment, which will accelerate Oregon's transition to zero-emission school buses. This bill is a common-sense and urgently needed investment in the health of our children, the air we breathe, and the future we are building for Oregon..

- my children ride the bus everyday both ways. I would love for our community and our children to have a healthier environment.
- I care about the future generations of children that will be riding the bus.
- we need to embrace the ideas that the world is moving towards a greener future.

HB 2945 is not just a smart climate policy — it's a moral imperative. It's about protecting our kids. It's about making communities healthier. It's about investing in the jobs of the future. And it's about building a clean, just transportation system for all Oregonians.

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

Thank you for your leadership and for your commitment to a healthier, more sustainable Oregon.

Sincerely, Melissa Mendez