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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2945
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Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

I urge you to vote yes on HB 2945 and the -1 amendment that will help our local school districts transition to zero-emission school buses. Our children spend quite some time each day riding in diesel powered buses, breathing in the toxic exhaust. We know diesel is a carcinogen and causes asthma and other health problems. It should be an easy vote to prioritize our children's health by putting in place a program to replace diesel buses with zero emission alternatives. At the same time we will be working towards our state's goals of reducing carbon emissions. The flexible purchasing options together with the upfront investment and technical support make this program very workable for rural districts (I live in a rural area) and areas with fewer financial resources.

Please pass HB 2945 and the -1 amendment. Thank you.
Laura Allen, Clatsop County