

Testimony in Support for HB 2025

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

I write today in **support of increased transit funding and the STIF program** in HB 2025. The increased funding for the STIF program in this package will help prevent significant cuts to public transit service across Oregon, a service that me and my family regularly depend on to make ends meet.

Oregon is facing a transit crisis. Across the state—from rural districts to urban centers—public transit agencies are sounding the alarm: without additional funding, essential transit service will be slashed, workers will be laid off, and thousands of Oregonians will be left stranded without reliable and affordable access to jobs, health care or education. Our family benefits from having transit access – we take Trimet light rail and several bus routes to commute for work, borrow childrens' books from the public library, and make downtown appointments.

While the funding proposed in this package is not enough to provide the additional transit service I would like to see – including increased frequency of service and intercity connection (especially in rural Oregon) – it **will** prevent Oregonians like me from being stranded without the transportation access I depend on. Please support HB 2025

Sincerely,

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