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"I chose to move to Oregon because I saw that I could live a complete life here with minimal car use.

By supporting public transit in urban and rural communities, and between both, I am able to work and travel across the state and spend more of my disposable income locally instead of spending money on fuel and expensive car parts.

Thanks to bicycle infrastructure and intercity transportation I have stayed at hotels, at restaurants, and spent money on recreation in Astoria, Seaside, Tillamook, Salem, Keizer, Cascade Locks, Hood River, Bend, Albany, Newberg, and Gales Creek. The bus between Hood River and Portland is almost always full, and other busses provide critical connections. Later this summer, I have a bike trip planned on the South Coast.

Supporting HB 2025 will allow local long-distance travelers to enjoy all that Oregon has to offer and invest in this state. Removing these vital transportation links cause restaurants, lodging, and other aspects of the tourist industry to suffer."