

Submitter: Ben Stevenson

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, Vice Chairs Boshart-Davis and Starr, and members of the committee,

Thank you for your excellent work on the transportation package.

I support the package to make Oregon's transportation system more sustainable, affordable, and safe. Public transportation provides a key tool for economic equity and climate action. Many Oregonians feel unsafe on public transit. Or they don't use it because it is unreliable or too expensive. This package will right this wrong, lowering costs for Oregonians and making the investments the state's economy needs.

As a 20 year-old, I've grown up with the climate crisis looming over my head. We've all seen the state's historic wildfires and heat waves—our clean air, our clean water, and our communities will suffer unless we commit to bold action now. I encourage you to fund critical electrification programs to increase access to charging and lower barriers to decarbonization. It's an addition that will benefit the environment, the economy, and Oregonians. Let's ensure that Oregon is a truly livable state for all, today and in the years ahead.

Sincerely,
Ben Stevenson