

Submitter: Sarah Marble

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

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

My name is Sarah Marble, and I live in Portland. I support House Bill 2025 because I want safer streets for me and my community.

Every day, I walk along unsafe roads to get to work, appointments, and store. I've had too many close calls and I live in a "walkable" area. Where I work is not in a "walkable" area and it is terrifying to go to the coffee shop or Walgreens. It would be wasteful to drive because they are places less than 1/2 mile from work, but I have considered it because having huge vehicles whistling past me by mere inches is noisy, smelly, and plain frightening.

The Safe Routes to School and Great Streets programs will make our streets safer for everyone, especially kids, elders, and people who don't drive. Cars, car insurance, gas, and car maintenance are ever more expensive and inaccessible for more and more people. And even if it was more affordable, no one should have to participate in the burning of fossil fuels and climate change to avoid getting hit by a car.

Finally, while I fully support on-street safety investments, they often lead nowhere if we don't also fund off-street connections. That is why I urge you to include funding for the Oregon Community Paths program to create a complete and connected network. I urge you to support HB 2025 and fully fund these life-saving programs.

Sincerely, Sarah Marble