



June 11, 2025

To: The Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment
From: The Douglas County Global Warming Coalition
RE: Testimony on HB 2025

Dear Co-Chair Senator Chris Gorsek, Co-Chair Representative Susan McLain and members of the Committee:

The Douglas County Global Warming Coalition, an all-volunteer grassroots organization representing 450 residents in our rural community, offers the following testimony on HB 2025.

At a time when our State has been ravaged by climate enhanced wildfires and heat waves, this Committee has a moral imperative to put climate change at the forefront of its proposed legislation. Unfortunately, HB 2025 represents an abdication of this responsibility.

While the commitments to transit, rail and multi-modal are laudable, the overarching thrust of this bill represents a step backwards in our State's efforts to fight climate change. Because transportation constitutes the greatest source of climate pollution in Oregon, it is incumbent to view all projects and policies through a climate lens. This the bill fails to do. Nowhere are climate investments, significant or otherwise, mentioned in this bill. Nowhere are rebates for electric vehicles or expenditures for needed infrastructure mentioned in this bill. Nowhere are specific policies laid out to encourage the transition from gas powered cars to electric vehicles mentioned in this bill. There can be no justification for these omissions. For in order to meet the State's goals of reducing climate pollution 90% by 2050, the transportation sector must be a major player in this effort.

We recognize the limited time available in this session to make the required changes in this legislation. However, the climate crisis is already upon us and with the Federal government eliminating all references to climate, the burden to continue the fight for the climate falls on the shoulders of States that have a vision for the future: A vision that embraces clean energy and hope for the future.

We strongly urge the Committee to make the necessary changes so we can do our share to make that vision a reality.

Sincerely,

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