



TODAY'S MANUFACTURED HOME

BUILT FOR LIVING. BUILT FOR LIFE.

June 11, 2025

Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment

Re: Opposition to HB 2025 – A Bill that Makes Housing More Expensive in a Housing Crisis

Dear Co-Chairs, Co-Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Oregon Manufactured Housing Association (OMHA), I write today to express **strong opposition to HB 2025**. While we recognize the need for sustainable transportation funding, the fee increases, taxes, and compliance burdens in this bill will **make housing in Oregon more expensive at the worst possible time**.

Oregon is in the midst of a housing affordability crisis. Manufactured housing is one of the **last remaining pathways to homeownership** for working families, rural residents, and those on fixed incomes. But instead of supporting this vital form of naturally affordable housing, **HB 2025 imposes new costs that will directly raise the price of a manufactured home**.

Here's how:

- **Trip permit, title, and registration fee increases** will raise the cost of delivering and siting manufactured homes—costs that are passed directly to homebuyers.
- The **new vehicle transfer tax**, combined with higher fuel and diesel-related fees, adds even more burden to the companies that transport homes across Oregon. This hits especially hard in **rural areas**, where transportation distances are long and manufactured housing is often the **only viable option** for homeownership.
- **Increasing the employee payroll tax for transit from 0.1% to 0.3% by 2030** will triple the current rate and raise costs for employers and employees alike—ensuring that less money is ending up in the pockets of the skilled workers who we rely on building us out of this crisis.

And yet, HB 2025 provides **no meaningful transportation investments in the local and rural roads needed to deliver homes**, making this a policy that collects from our industry **without giving anything back**.

If passed, this bill will **further reduce affordability, limit access to housing in rural Oregon**, and ultimately **slow production** in a market already struggling to meet demand. In short: **it makes the housing crisis worse**.



TODAY'S MANUFACTURED HOME

BUILT FOR LIVING. BUILT FOR LIFE.

We urge the Legislature to take a balanced approach. If transportation funding must increase, it should be done in a way that **doesn't punish affordable housing providers and low-income homebuyers.**

Please vote **NO on HB 2025**. Oregon's families can't afford another barrier to affordable homeownership.

Sincerely,

Jody Lyon
Executive Director
Oregon Manufactured Housing Association (OMHA)