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I moved to Portland in 2019, initially for college. One of the things I immediately noticed was the public transportation system, which makes the city superbly walkable. In the years since, I can count on one hand the number of times I've required a car to get around, and public transit and walking is what I've relied on exclusively ever since my bike was stolen. I cannot extol the benefits of public transit enough—every time the bus is stuck in traffic, I think about how much faster it would be if even half these drivers took the bus, and how much of cities and even people's lives revolve around their cars. It's time to give public transit the respect it deserves, and to free the public from the tyranny of automobile-centered city design. I fully support House Bill 2025.