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Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

HB 2025 is a “must-fund” project this year and in our future.

- The Frog Ferry Project will lead the City of Portland to secure funding, planning, and operating an electric ferry service to serve the environmental justice communities of the North Peninsula, tourists, and all Oregonians.
- Frog Ferry clearly would reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GGEs) and given the very visible nature of a new transit mode, would help evolve resident perceptions about their transit decisions.
- A ferry service in Portland can be implemented quickly, with a service on the water within three years due to the existing dock infrastructure, demand, and need to revitalize Portland’s downtown waterfront.
- The ferry industry is expanding globally (King Co Ferries are up 200% y/o/y) through the advancement of ferry technology, the need for resilience "tools" for a catastrophic event (Frog Ferry is in Metro's Comprehensive Economic Development Plan for Emergency Response), increased traffic congestion despite a work-from-home culture, and to foster community vitality.