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Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

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I strongly oppose the HB 2025 as a waste of already much stretched Oregon taxpayers' dollars. In my over 20 years of close monitoring the ODT's projects this is the most incompetent, corrupt and arrogant department. The ODT employees do not follow Federal and State safety guidelines, I observed many workers walking without hard hats, or working on a haw while in 8-10 ft proximity of a sidewalk next to a middle school, while children were present. The wasteful Willamette Bridge project in Corvallis has been an eye rolling view of a 5 workers standing and talking for hours, with little activity during this Winter, Spring with mild weather. ODOT historically overspent money on never ending "improvements" in Salem area. Their goal is to stretch any project that would allow condemnation of private businesses. Many stable businesses, farmers and proprietors had suffered from the ODOT overreaching projects. The incompetence in delivering the projects, violations of the industry's safety standards and corruption at the top levels have been the signatures of ODOT practices in our State. ODOT has no accountability and no respect for the Oregonians who endure their prolonged timelines and incompetence. For over two decades I've been closely watching ODOT and always noticing the obvious signs of poor management and lack of professional integrity. Oregonians do not need HB 2025 to help ODOT to cover up the money holes in their budget instead of fixing our highways and streets. I oppose the spending on corrupt and self serving staff of ODOT. Please stop HB 2025 in its tracks.