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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 55

12 June 2025

To: Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment
Re: HB 2025 - Oppose New Taxes, Increases

Co-Chair McLane, Co-Chair Gorsek and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment,

I am writing in strong opposition HB 2025. Reasons for my opposition include:

- ◆ HB 2025 adds 35+ new taxes, tax hikes, and fee increases that expand current non-essential spending that Oregonians simply cannot afford.
- ◆ HB 2025 will make it more expensive for families to drop their kids off at school, drive to work, and pick up groceries.
- ◆ HB 2025 will cost families across Oregon “over \$1 billion a year.”
- ◆ HB 2025 doubles down on transportation services Oregonians don’t use, funding empty buses and poorly traveled bike lanes while cars are jammed in traffic.
- ◆ Oregonians in my district tell me that the cost of living is the number one issue they face.
- ◆ Oregon’s average [gas prices are the fifth most expensive in the nation](#)
- ◆ 80% of Oregonians oppose increasing the Gas Tax
- ◆ 79% of Oregonians support cutting taxes to make Oregon more affordable*
- ◆ [Oregon ranks as the 10th most expensive state](#) to live in according to Forbes.

Therefore I ask you not to move HB 2025 forward. Instead leverage the ideas of reprioritizing ODOT spending and cost savings found in the Republican proposal, HB 3982.

Sincerely,

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