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On Behalf Of: Panhandle for Passenger Rail
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment
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You should raise the STIF increase to 0.5% to ensure and expand our current public transit access. This is essential for communities like ours with a discontinued bus service to Baker City and no passenger rail service. We are a remote community with an aging population and with an increasing need to travel to Boise for medical services. I support dedicated and sustained funding for rail infrastructure. Why is there no provision for a study to create an Oregon Department of Rail? And why is there no explicit intent or interest in exploring the Amtrack Pioneer Route? Thank you for taking into consideration my concerns.