

June 12, 2025

Senator Chris Gorsek, Co-Chair Representative Susan McLain, Co-Chair Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment 900 Court Street NE Salem, Oregon 9730

Re: HB 2025

Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Starr and Boshart Davis, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on HB 2025. The Port of Portland's (Port's) mission is to build shared prosperity through trade, travel and economic development. We do that through the operation of large economic engines – all of which rely on a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system. For that reason, the Port supports your work to advance a package of transportation investments that will benefits the state's economy and all Oregonians. We also appreciate that you continue to work diligently.

The Port urges passage of a transportation package that delivers:

- Adequate and stable revenue for operations and maintenance. If we do not fund the basics, Oregon's facilities become unreliable and, in some cases, unsafe.
- **Completion of HB 2017 projects**. Oregonians made investments with these results in mind. If we do not follow through, we run the risk of eroding public trust. These investments rose to the top in 2017 for the right reasons. Further delay will only increase congestion and inflationary costs.
- Investments in a multimodal system. Oregonians need safe and affordable options for how they travel.
- Assurance for payers. Oregon's economy is in a period of uncertainty. It is reasonable to provide businesses and taxpayers sideboards and accountability with new taxes and fees.

Ultimately, facilitating the movement of people and goods throughout our state is critical for Oregon's economy. The Port applauds the Committee's progress and respectfully urges completion of a transportation investment package this session.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Emerald Bogue Director of Government Affairs

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