

House Bill 2025 Written Testimony



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Dear Co-chairs Gorsek and McClain and members of the committee. The Oregon Transit Association supports House Bill 2025 and applauds the committee's efforts to increase the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Payroll Tax to 0.3% to meet the growing transportation needs in our communities. Since the road show tour began one year ago, we've heard compelling stories from transit agencies, riders, and advocates about the importance of providing sustainable and long-term funding for public transit services in Oregon.

Public transit is a lifeline for Oregonians to connect to jobs, schools, medical appointments, grocery stores, and visiting families and friends. Additional funding for transit will support expanded and more frequent services, the purchase of new vehicles and facilities, and investments in new technologies that will provide more reliable and convenient transportation options for people of all ages and abilities.

Investing in transit is investing in Oregon's future. The proposed transit funding increase in House Bill 2025 is monumental and will help transit agencies implement new services, programs that have positive and long-lasting community impacts. Thank you for your tireless dedication to working on the 2025 Transportation Package.

Warmest regards,

Derek Hofbauer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek Hofbauer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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