



Friday, June 13th 2025

To: Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment

Subject: Neutral on HB 2025

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, Vice Chairs Boshart-Davis and Starr, and members of the committee,

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility (Oregon PSR) is an organization of over 2,000 health professionals and public health advocates working to address the gravest threats to human health and survival. One of the gravest threats facing humanity and all living things at this moment is the climate crisis. For this reason, we need a transportation package that invests in safe streets, clean air, and reliable, affordable transportation options. Currently, the transportation package falls short. The bill does not include investments to decarbonize the transportation sector, increase access to public transportation, and build the necessary charging infrastructure to decrease harmful air pollution and climate-warming emissions.

Oregon cannot depend on the federal administration to deliver climate action, so Oregon must take climate action into its own hands to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy and transportation. The current proposal does the opposite by imposing new fees for drivers of electric vehicles. What makes matters worse is that Oregon's Advanced Clean Trucks rule has already been delayed for two years, lengthening the time that Oregonians are at risk of exposure to health-harming diesel pollutants. A forthcoming amendment that proposes a Luxury Vehicle Tax resolves this dilemma and invests in three proven and ready-to-go programs:

1. **The Zero-Emission Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Incentive Fund** helps Oregon businesses replace diesel trucks with clean, electric alternatives. These investments reduce the worst pollution on our roads and create jobs in vehicle manufacturing, charging infrastructure, and fleet maintenance.



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2. **The Zero Emission Fueling Program** helps build out critical charging infrastructure for electric trucks and buses. This network is crucial for reducing freight emissions and enabling rural and underserved communities to participate in the clean energy transition.
3. **The Oregon Community Charging Rebate Program** supports the installation of charging stations at strategic community locations, including public parking lots, workplaces, and multifamily housing complexes. Seventy percent of this program's funds are reserved for disadvantaged and rural communities, helping close the infrastructure gap and ensure equitable access.

These programs will accelerate the adoption of clean vehicles, lower long-term transportation costs, reduce climate and air pollution, and stimulate Oregon's economy.

Oregon PSR strongly urges the committee to support the abovementioned amendments that prioritize a transportation package that reduces pollution from Oregon's highest-emitting sector, delivers financial and health cost savings, and builds a stronger economy through clean energy job creation. Oregon PSR also urges you all to support the clean transportation amendment and invest in a healthier, more equitable, and more prosperous Oregon.

Sincerely,



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