

Submitter: James Elliott

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek and members of the Committee

My name is Jim Elliott and I live in Bend. I'm here to support House Bill 2025 because I want safer street for my family and my community.

I'm a volunteer at Bear Creek Elementary School. My duties include crosswalk guard and leading groups of students on our monthly Bike, Walk and Roll events. The road in front of the school is very busy and I observe unsafe actions by drivers on a daily basis. Many of the children would like to travel to school independently but due to traffic and speeds, their parents drive them. Safe Routes to Schools funding would provide needed monies to add safety features to the school route including raised crosswalks and as well as other traffic calming features.

I urge you to support HB 2025 and fully fund the Safe Routes to Schools program to provide safe routes for children that will allow them to travel to school independently.

Thank you.