

Submitter: carol thompson

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

PLEEEAASE, you guys!.... This testimony may not seem focused, because I cannot even keep my thoughts straight as to how extremely disappointed I am in the current state of our state. At our house we have a budget, trying desperately to not live beyond our means. It feels like Oregon lawmakers absolutely DO NOT adhere to the same practices. The tax and fee increases in HB2025 are outrageous. TriMet needs to improve FIRST, before I want YOU to spend MY hard earned money on it. That improvement happens by providing more supervision and law enforcement, NOT by just blindly throwing money at it. Get the druggies off there, and we'll use it. There are PLENTY of runs that MAX does and I see literally ONE person on the train. The local news tells me that people are moving OUT of our state, especially Multnomah County. So your huge increases fall on fewer and fewer people. Local news also tells me that 1/3 of Oregonians are on OHP, etc. You are breaking peoples banks here. Those who have the means can move to greener pastures, which strains even more the declining percentage of people who will actually be paying these fees & taxes. PLEASE do not pass HB2025. PLEASE try to come up with something that won't hurt the little guys more than is already happening. There has to be a better way. Thank you.