

Submitter:

Grace Edmonson

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

PLEASE do NOT let this pass!! This will only hurt Oregonians!

ODOT's budget is up 100% since 2015. Potholes are growing like weeds and our bridges and highways are crumbling due to lack of proactive maintenance

CPI up 35% – ODOT's spending increase is nearly 3x that rate

Steel is up 73%

Concrete is up 65%

Asphalt up is 25%

Again, hard expenses are "only" up 25-73%, yet ODOT's spending is up nearly 100%, the system is crumbling, and staff is apparently being cut – the math doesn't work for me. HB 2025 rewards this math by sending over a billion dollars in new taxes to ODOT.

And beyond the annual budget, where did the unexpected \$3.7B of 2021's post-COVID Build Back Better federal infrastructure funds go? Roads are worse and infrastructure is crumbling due to lack of maintenance since 2015.