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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, Vice Chairs Boshart-Davis and Starr,

Hi, HB 2025 needs amending to support acting on Climate change that is happening NOW.

Oregon community paths are important to the majority of Oregonians and should be funded.

On the subject of Electrification, I agree that it could promote better air quality. But keep in mind, that's for those nof living near or inside mining areas for rare earth minerals.

The happy medium answer for this issue which is a win fir us far away (hopefully) and those in harms way working as extractors or near the sights is still mass transit that is electrified and everyone not over using other products that require lithium to the point of turning that land from healthy to wasteland. That land that usually gets extraction tends to be Tribal land or near where Indigenous people live. We need to have limits to our use and make sure tribes have what they ask for and regulation to avoid unnecessary harms. Itvus my hope that government contracts chosen will have that in mind. This video below supports my viewpoint on electrification: https://youtu.be/n1IzZ6yRV-Y?si=WsXvicvF8HyUdHmF

Furthermore, Safety and protection of property should not mean more surveillance. We should have privacy and safety. Designs can deter harms to pedestrians and bicyclists. We do not need to further help the tech industry get rich over our fear of being unsafe

I do urge to do more separation of pedestrians, bicylists, and scooters from cars and more 4 way stops

. It's very important to me as someone who walks that electric bikes and scooters go in the bike lane. I do not want them to hit me on the sidewalk. Bike lanes should be available and used without fear of dying.

I do realize that HB 2025 could invite tips from the abundance movement. Do not glide through the red tape. It could cost tax payers money later on and their wellbeing. I believe it's your job to regulate and have safety measures in place and Trump's administration is already removing safety precautions.

This bill can be funded IF the right contracts are found so I ask that the contracts be heavily scrutinized to avoid buyer frustration and remorse. Whole areas of Oregon so not need to be owned by outside entities who do not make maintenance easy. Oregon should be owned by Oregonians anyway and not find out that swaths of land are not. It's probably already happened but that problematic reality does not need to continue for residents of Oregon.

One thing that is seldom acted upon is an end to the neo-feudalism. We need to believe when we are taxed it delivers for us. Th following is the right way on fully funding what should be PUBLICLY Funded and may not be in our time of austerity which is being inflicted by those who refuse to acknowledge it doesn't have to be that way:

Here's the fix: a 4% tax on luxury vehicles over $75,000 that will pay for transportation electrification and fund Oregon Community Paths. This is a smart and fair way to fill the gaps we've been advocating for within the transportation package. This modest surcharge on the state's most expensive cars would mean that the middle-class has no hit to their wallets while we fulfill our state priorities and commitments, which were overlooked by lawmakers in the current bill. This change to the transportation package will enable needed clean vehicle investments to reduce emissions, protect public health, and support Oregon - OCLV

It's the flat taxes that I sneer at. I need to believe that the state and our taxes we pay are used in ways that work for us. We should not want anarchy nor should we say no to all taxes. That means acting on climate change instead of creating doomerism and taxation asks that do not squeeze the 99 % of Oregonians wallets dry.
We need to see HB 2025 as a vibrant transportation bill that protects our environment and Safely gets us everywhere in Oregon leaving Nothing out that gets us to that end.
Thank you