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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Committee Members

I urge you to oppose HB 2025-28. I am the Controller for a trucking company that operates primarily in California and Oregon. In the past, Oregon has had a more favorable business climate, and we have increased our Oregon operations more than our California locations. The better business climate, lower taxes and regulatory compliance hurdles have enabled lower rates for freight hauled in Oregon (which every consumer pays for). Over the last few years, Oregon has become increasingly less business friendly, and costs have risen. This bill increases weight mile taxes, fuel taxes and many other "Transportation" related fees and will result in rising prices to consumers and fewer companies willing to expand or continue operations in Oregon. Please do not turn Oregon into a high cost state like California where the citizens pay more and get less while businesses and individuals flee the state.

Thank you

Chris Freeman