

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Thursday, June 26, 2025

Against, HB 2025-28 Transportation Package

As a long-standing Oregon Trucking company, that has dedicated 24 years to the trucking industry and our state. I am the owner and 4th generation of McCracken Motor Freight, Inc. We have been in business since 1929 and have a federal motor ID number of 941. Which means we were the 941-trucking company registered with the federal government. Over the years we have seen many ups and downs in the trucking industry. Now it feels like the State is trying to make it so we cannot survive, due to increasing costs. It is heart breaking to know that everyone sitting on the committee benefits and would not be able to live without what we do, and it is so easy to suck blood from a turnip. Instead of budgeting, cutting costs when needed (Heck many of us would be willing to come in to help with the state budget, including me) This is what we must do as a small business to pay our employees (which are also Oregon taxpayers) and bills. That is why I am submitting today to express my vote for NO on HB 2025-28, the new Transportation Package request. This package was developed in secret with very little or no communication with the transportation players. Also, the previous transportation package did not spend the dollars given on highway use as allocated in the past bill. The amount of fees that we currently absorb as a trucking company is so much that we truly may have to lay off employees or even potentially close our doors. Therefore, I urge the committee to oppose HB 2025-28. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Thank you for your time

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