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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Transportation Reinvestment Committee:

I am writing with comments on the proposed transportation package, HB 2025-28. I strongly oppose this proposed legislation. This bill would raise fees and taxes on Oregonians to bring in \$10+ billion in new revenue. However, the current draft will increase weight mile taxes for trucking AND introduce a diesel tax starting in 2028.

- The amended bill removes language that ensures trucking can adjust weight mile taxes if the Highway Cost Allocation Study shows inequity.
- The bill includes a 12-cent gas and diesel tax increase starting in 2026. Starting in 2028, trucking will pay that diesel rate PLUS an increased weight mile tax rate.
- This package was developed in secret – payers of the transportation system were never invited to the table to discuss the policy or rates in the bill.
- This bill significantly increases dozens of transportation related fees and adds new ones. Many of these fee increases are greater than 100%.
- The bill will unfairly divert Highway Trust Fund dollars—revenue paid by car and truck owners to maintain Oregon's roads—to non-highway uses.

I represent Market Express; an Oregon Trucking firm headquartered in North Portland. The trucking industry in Oregon has been paying more than its fair share of taxes for some time. This new proposal seems to be following the same road to inequality.

Please vote no on HB 2025-28!

Sincerely,
Greg Galbraith