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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment,

As a lifelong Oregonian, I am not in support of this latest HB 2025 and its revisions. I strongly encourage you all to oppose HB 2025.

We cannot afford the multiple new taxes that are associated with this bill. We already pay .40 cents per gallon on fuel tax and cannot afford to pay more. Each time I fuel my vehicles and equipment for agricultural production is more dollars out of my operation going to taxes that take away from my operation and ability to grow. The vehicle privilege tax needs to be eliminated as this is hit to me and other vehicle purchasers that need to purchase new vehicles for our work and families. There appears to be no additional accountability to ODOT and I am not willing to have this agency spend additional millions of dollars on projects such as the new I-5 bridge in Portland when they cannot meet the needs of the traveling public. They have already wasted millions on the first project proposal that failed. Like many departments within the State they need to get back to core functions; road projects for vehicles, trucking and commerce. Enough of the bike lanes and rail systems that are not used or feasible.

Regards,  
Bryan Baumgartner