

Co-Chair McLain and Pham, Co-Vice Chair Starr and Boshart Davis and the rest of the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment.

My name is Katie Boshart Glaser and I oppose 2025.

I want to start by saying I do believe Oregonians would support a bill, even with tax increases, if the money would be going toward ODOT's core purpose. Safe and maintained roads. Instead this bill is stuffed with wants instead of real needs.

On Friday Chair McLain said the -23 that totalled 15 billion dollars was the compromise and it's the best bill we have. 3 working days later all of the sudden it's reduced to 11.7 billion dollars. How did that happen in such a short time. Seems like there was a lot more compromise to give.

Quoting Rep Nathanson "The cost allocation study is so complicated. Really really complicated. When something is that hard to understand it's hard to have confidence in it."

Sen Pham said there are many things she doesn't like about the bill and she firmly believes the process could've been a lot better.

Sen Webber raised concerns about the Hwys in her area and is worried about if this monstrous bill will even address such a foundational concern.

Quoting Sen Starr "The -8 is not a product of collaboration but neither are the -23s. The bottom line is that we're here today unfortunately with a lack of Republicans and Democrats working together."

Quoting Rep Boshart Davis before she was aggressively interrupted and talked over, "the public has not had time to weigh in since we've received the revenue impact. So when we had 8 hours of public hearing on the -13 or the base bill, the public didn't know it costs 15 billion dollars over the next 10 years. They may have said something different if they knew it would be the largest tax hike in Oregon's history. What we do know from the public is their online testimony. It currently sits at opposition 2 to 1. So if we're going to listen to Oregonians we need to listen to Oregonians.

Sen Meek said it best, before being removed from the committee because he would've voted no. "Oregonians can't afford this bill"

Here's a crazy idea, create a budget that allows for the core functions of ODOT. Then bring separate bills for each of the special projects when the money is there and the support is behind it. Kind of like what every Oregonian does with their own budget.

Oregonians deserve better. Thank you for your time.

