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Dear Co-Chairs Pham and McLain and members of the Joint Transportation Reinvestment Committee,

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce (OSCC) **opposes HB 2025-A generally and also opposes HB 2025-A with the -A28 amendment**, both of which would add yet additional income/payroll tax burden to Oregon workers and add significant sales taxes to the purchase of vehicles in addition to a 12-cent gas tax hike and many other taxes and fees.

The OSCC represents 89 chambers of commerce statewide. These chambers represent local business communities from every corner of the state who are the backbone of their local communities and provide the goods, services, jobs, taxes and philanthropy that fuel our economy.

OSCC historically supports revenue-raising transportation packages to support road projects, but HB 2025 is simply too much for our communities and working families to bear.

Quite simply, working Oregonians are already overtaxed. In addition to paying among the highest personal income tax rates in the country (8.75%), Oregon workers also pay an additional 0.6% on wages for the Paid Leave Oregon program, and an additional 0.1% for statewide transit funding.

The 2025 transportation funding proposal contemplates more than doubling the transit tax to 0.25% in two years and 0.3% in four years.

In addition, the added sales tax on vehicle sales will make vehicles more unaffordable for working Oregonians and the added fuel tax will make driving more expensive for everyday Oregonians.

In addition to all of this, it is obvious that ODOT has not earned the trust of Oregonians to steward all of this additional tax revenue.

Oregon is quickly moving into a high tax / low service state that is over-burdening to our local businesses and hurts the quality of life for our workforce. HB 2025 will greatly accelerate this unfortunate trend.

We continue to hope that the Oregon legislature will show some recognition for the economic realities of its residents.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JL Wilson", is written above the printed name.

JL Wilson  
Legislative Counsel for OSCC