

Oppose HB 2025: Oregon Needs Balanced Transportation Reform, Not Burdensome Tax Hikes

My name is Dana Estensen and I am a farmer in Marion and Yamhill counties. I urge you to **Oppose HB 2025**.

I urge you to oppose HB 2025 in its current form. While transportation infrastructure is absolutely critical to Oregon's economy - especially to agriculture - this bill proposes one of the largest tax increases in state history without offering the reform and accountability taxpayers deserve.

Oregon's farmers, ranchers, and rural families depend on a reliable, well-maintained transportation system. Unlike urban residents, we routinely drive long distances for basic services, business operations, and community needs. Agriculture is a mobile industry by nature, and we already pay significant taxes related to road use. HB 2025 risks duplicating or inflating those taxes without ensuring real benefits for the communities that bear the heaviest burden.

Unfortunately, HB 2025 provides no clear guarantees that rural roads and bridges - many of which are in urgent need of repair - will receive adequate investment. A transportation package should work for *all* Oregonians. That means policies must reflect actual road use, avoid disproportionately targeting rural users, and prioritize long-term sustainability.

The Oregon Department of Transportation doesn't need a blank check. We need reform, oversight and a transportation plan that delivers value and fairness for everyone in the state.

Please vote **NO** on HB 2025 or send it back for revision with a focus on meaningful reform, equitable investment, and true accountability.

Thank you for your time.

Dana Estensen