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House Committee on Rules
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Opposition to House Bill 3402 -3 and -4 Amendments

Chair Bowman, Co-Vice-Chairs, Drazan and Pham, and Members of the Committee,

As Chair of the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, I urge you to oppose the proposed -3 and -4 amendments to House Bill 3402, which would eliminate the long-standing 50/30/20 distribution formula for new or increased state fuel tax revenues.

Fuel tax revenue is a critical funding source for maintaining Clatsop County's road system. While not sufficient to meet all local infrastructure needs, the 50/30/20 formula has provided a reliable and predictable allocation of resources between the state, counties, and cities. These dollars support essential infrastructure that protects public safety, supports economic activity, and connects our communities.

Removing this formula would weaken the decades-long partnership between state and local governments and disrupt a foundational funding mechanism for local jurisdictions. Without it, counties like Clatsop face greater uncertainty in planning, maintaining, and investing in the transportation systems Oregonians rely on every day.

Based on this issue alone, I cannot support the proposed amendments and strongly urge a NO vote on the -3 and -4 amendments to HB 3402.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Kujala, Board Chair
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners