

June 27, 2025

**RE: HB 3402 (-3amdt)**

To: House Committee on Rules

Chair Bowman, Co-Chairs Pham and Drazan, and members of the Committee:

My name is Joel Iboa, and I am the executive director of Oregon Just Transition Alliance (OJTA). Yesterday, I had the opportunity to testify on HB 2025 (-28amdt). While we maintained a neutral position on the bill, we recognized it made meaningful efforts to keep public transit services intact and improve safety, particularly in low-income and rural communities. Today, I am testifying in opposition to its replacement, HB 3402 (-3amdt).

OJTA is a statewide alliance of communities facing environmental racism, climate change, and economic exploitation. We represent urban and rural communities across the state who've been denied reliable and affordable transportation options, whether they depend on cars, transit, or their own two feet.

OJTA opposes HB 3402 because it fails to invest in public transit or critical safety improvements that our communities demanded. This session, frontline advocates from across Oregon including members from our Transportation Justice Leadership Institute made it clear to you that funding for public transit and safer streets was urgent and non-negotiable. These advocates worked on this campaign for months, often sacrificing time with work and family, to speak out for what their communities need. Their voices were ignored.

**Inaction will come at its own cost.** As we look to the future, our work with frontline communities makes it clear that people with means must pay their

fair share. Oregon urgently needs bold, progressive revenue solutions to invest in the transportation priorities Oregonians actually want. Instead, the legislature rejected a common-sense luxury vehicle tax and instead chose a path that puts jobs at risk and leaves the state scrambling to fund basic operations. It's a failure of leadership and a missed opportunity to build a more just and sustainable Oregon.

We urge you to vote no on HB 3402.

Thank you.

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