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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3402

Chair Bowman and Members of the Rules Committee,
I'm Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner. I'm here to testify in opposition to the -3 and -4 amendments to HB 3402.

This package does not provide the state with adequate resources to maintain state highways in Deschutes County. Inadequate snow plowing and degraded pavement quality are life and death safety concerns here. Worse, the -3 and -4 amendments to HB 3402 eliminate sharing of new revenue from gas tax, registration fee, and title fee increases with Counties and Cities. Local governments are struggling with dramatically increased costs for basic road work over the last 5 years and need to share in new revenue from any transportation package. This legislation takes the wrong approach to rebalancing the weight mile tax burden between light and heavy vehicles. Nor does HB 3402 amended address the need for investment in public transportation, key safety programs, and other priorities.

Please go back to working on a comprehensive package like what is found in HB 2025.

Thank you.