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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

I oppose HB 2025 as it's an absurd tax increase. There needs to be a full audit of ODOT and especially TRIMET and its light rail program which appears to be hemorrhaging money. There's no sense in asking for a tax increase without first fixing the problems with TRIMET!

I also oppose HB2025 as it authorizes tolls for the IBR's mega bridge which is obscenely expensive. IBR appears to be the worst managed project WSDOT & ODOT has, and it's lack of transparency is alarming! I urge you to save \$\$ billions by building an Immersed Tube Tunnel (ITT) like the one under construction in Vancouver BC, which is being built at substantially less cost and less time to build.

Besides a budget buster, building IBR's mega bridge will be a history killer that'll destroy our historic Interstate Bridge and a portion of historic Ft Vancouver.