

Feb. 9, 2026



Dear Chair Gorsek, Vice-Chair Weber, and Senators Frederick, Pham and Starr:

On behalf of The Intertwine Alliance, I am writing in support of two important transportation bills, Guardrails for Good Governance (SB 1543) and Measure What We Drive (SB 1542).

The Intertwine Alliance is the Portland region's coalition of public, private and nonprofit partners building and protecting a healthy system of parks, trails and greenspace. We advocate for access to nature for all communities. We are proud partners of the Move Oregon Forward coalition, with our role being to elevate the importance of trails and green infrastructure in our transportation system. We will continue over time to make the case for that, while supporting all aspects of a healthy transportation system for all Oregonians.

SB 1542 and 1543 are so important and foundational. They will maximize the impact of current investments in maintenance, safety and emissions reduction, while not overburdening future generations with debt. The bills will ensure proper oversight of all the major projects and investments made by the Oregon Department of Transportation. We urge you to pass these bills this session.

With much appreciation for your work and leadership.

Sincerely,

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