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Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1601

I am expressing strong opposition to Sections 16-20 of the -3 amendment to SB1601. Diverting these funds to invest in highway infrastructure and maintenance will NOT help relieve car congestion. Adding another lane WILL incentivize more drivers and more traffic. Please, do not adopt this bill. As a Safe Route to School intern, this bill will gut our state funding that we depend on. Cutting funding from Connect Oregon, Safe Routes to School (SRTS), Oregon Community Paths (OCP), and the Transportation Operating Fund (TOF) will walk back the progress that many practitioners have worked tirelessly to create. Non-drivers (people who are unable to because of disabilities, children, elderly people, etc.) need to be listened to. We matter. Our safety matters. Children's safety matters. Please listen to us, please do not adopt this bill.