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Governor John Kitzhaber M.D.
160 State Capitol
900 Court Street
Salem, Oregon 97301-4047

RE: Veto H.B. 2322, Section 85

Dear Governor Kitzhaber,

We are pleased to learn you are taking a prolonged and critical look at H.B. 2322. This bill lacked an open hearing process and the customary citizen input that Oregonians expect. Section 85, in particular, lacked any local or regional vetting.

For many years, Washington County has utilized a county-wide transportation plan to assess, develop and implement county-wide solutions to transportation issues. Washington County regularly updates its Transportation Plan and, in fact, is presently in the middle of updating this plan.

Section 85 gives \$1.5 million to Washington County for a study of westside transportation solutions. Doing this represents an end-run around the existing process that Washington County has in place for developing solutions to its transportation issues and duplicates the efforts of citizen representatives, staff and stakeholders who participate in the ongoing updating of the Washington County Transportation Plan.

Please veto Section 85 of H.B. 2322. Section 85 represents the aspirations of special interests within Washington County and ignores the open and transparent process that Oregonians and Washington County residents deserve with issues of this magnitude.

Respectfully,

Cherry Amabisca, President
Save Helvetia

Advancing policies, leaders and actions that protect Helvetia's treasured resources.