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Senate District 23

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Subject: Vote Explanation, HB 3055C

I voted no on HB 3055C today, not because I disagree with everything that is in this omnibus bill. It includes many good and necessary updates to existing law and was the product of an entire session of hard work by many members.

However, as the Oregon Legislature's omnibus transportation bill for 2021, it needed to include much, much more in the way of specific actions to address the risks of climate change. Emissions from the transportation sector are the biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon. I spoke earlier today on HB 2021, the 100% Clean Electricity bill,

We made good investments in alternative transportation in the 2017 omnibus bill, but it's four years later and the ravages of climate change have only grown more profound. On a day of record heat, ongoing drought, and impending wildfires, we should be passing a package that equally focuses on safety and emissions-reduction. We should be looking forward, not remaining wedded to a vision from the past.

I hope we can do better next time.

Sincerely,

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