



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 8, 2025

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chief Clerk Tim Sekerak,

Vote Explanation for House Bill 2931 A- Engrossed

With commitment to the residents of Oregon, I voted yes on House Bill 2931.

My constituents will remember my fierce advocacy as a part of a large, bipartisan effort in pausing the I-205 Improvement Project. We were opposed to this project due to the inequitable impact the proposed tolling placement would have had on our communities. The plan would have brought widespread diversion traffic on local roads; negative environmental impacts; and fiscal impacts on businesses and lower-income community members. My colleagues and I were grateful on behalf of our constituents when Governor Kotek stepped in and paused the project.

However, before the passage of the Governor's Moratorium which paused the planned tolling project along I-205, I, along with my colleagues in Clackamas and Washington County, introduced HB 3614. The proposed bill would have prohibited tolling on state highways until January 2, 2026. The bill language specifically provided an exception for Interstate 5 bridges that cross the Columbia River. While HB 3614 didn't pass, I want to reiterate why this exemption was included.

As it stands and will stand, the state of Washington has control over tolling collection on the Interstate Bridge. HB 2931 will make sure that Oregon receives a fair percentage of the revenue from these tolls. Without this bill, Oregon residents would pay a toll with that revenue going solely to the state of Washington. This would have been an inequitable result had this bill not been passed.

A tolling project such as the one on the IBR represents an example of when tolling works; whereas the proposed I-205 project represents an example of a tolling project that disproportionately impacts the surrounding residents and businesses.

For these reasons, I respectfully voted yes.



JULES WALTERS
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 37



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Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jules Walters". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Jules Walters