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I live in Portland and spend much of my time on the bike trails of our state and beyond. I am raising my daughters with a deep motivation to connect to biking and the outdoors yet biking on the road is far more dangerous then during my childhood with distracted drivers. Utilizing sections of the eastern trail are wonderful and efforts that increase transportation options by bike are important for our community, and I urge the Transportation Committee to vote in support of LD 511. An interim trail from Portland to Auburn would improve public health, protect the environment, connect to public transit, and provide options for people who don't drive, or simply want to drive less. Please vote "ought to pass."