

My name is Kevin Husted and with my wife, we own Husted Trucking and Rogue Logistics & Consulting; A trucking company and a freight brokerage here in Medford, OR.

As a trucking company we are no stranger to numerous regulations not only here in Oregon but nationwide. Here in Oregon we are already paying the most of any state in highway use taxes and related fees followed by CA. We have seen trucking companies and independent truckers start to refuse to enter and do business in Oregon and California due these excessive charges and over-regulation. This bill will only accelerate that exodus of jobs and money in our state.

HB2020 starts by raising the average cost of fuel in OR by between .16 & .20 cents per gallon. As a small business; we cannot afford and/or absorb that cost. We will essentially have 3 options.. 1. Raise rates which will be passed directly to the consumers 2. Move to a more business friendly state. 3. Go out of business.

If trucks continue to bypass Oregon due to these punitive fees and taxes then goods will continue to rise in cost and become more and more scarce in our regions. Almost everything you see came here on a truck. This bill will punish the very people we are supposed to be protecting. A low income family will have to pay more not only every time they fill up at the gas station but also they will be forced to pay more for simple essentials. Food, toilet paper, medicine, clothes, etc.. the list goes on and on.

I ask you to please consider what I have wrote here.

Thank you

Kevin Husted