

Committee Chair,  
I am urging a No Vote on HB2674

I am asking this because this bill will rewrite HB 2007 that encouraged the retrofit and replacement of older on-road engines in the Metro area, which made sense when passed., and still makes sense today. The Amendment will impose a 3% excise tax on the retail of tires. 1.5% privilege tax for businesses that sell or lease off-road equipment. 1.5% tax use tax on off-road diesel equipment purchased outside of Oregon. 3.5% rental tax for rentals of off-road diesel equipment. 2% rental tax for rentals of all other qualified heavy equipment which goes to counties. A privilege tax on heavy-duty trucks and light-duty vehicles. also a Gas tax on all red-dyed diesel used in off-road equipment! Including an amendment that will hurt already suffering businesses and families during the pandemic, is about as stupid as it can get! Taxing Construction, Forestry, and Agriculture to fund engine upgrades in metropolitan areas just does not make sense! I urge a NO vote on HB2674 Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
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