

I strongly oppose HB 2674 and the corresponding amendment. It is downright disgraceful, disturbing, disgusting, and disappointing that this even a consideration, especially at a time when Oregon and the people who live here and take care of Oregon are reeling from so many far-reaching issues (pandemic, fires, ice storms, etc). Oregon isn't even back on its feet, yet some feel it's necessary to push this terrible legislation.

These are all sales taxes, yet Oregon "doesn't have sales taxes." These taxes will not solve climate change. These sales taxes will hurt businesses and trickle down to every resident and visitor of our great state. The tire excise tax will directly impact each Oregonian or visitor who has to buy tires here. The excise tax itself should be voted on by the people of the state, if not every tax listed in this bill.

As a resident, business owner, and son of a business owner who deals with ag, this bill will directly affect our bottom line, thus making our industry less competitive on the state, national, and international level. We already face enough hardship and have stiff competition throughout the world. We do not need the State placing more taxes and hurdles in our way to be successful.

This bill is also extremely tone deaf. During a time in history where we want and strive for equality, do the authors of this bill really think this bill will affect all walks of life and skin colors equally? Of course it won't! Those who are doing well could weather these taxes and pass the buck on to the next person. But those who are already struggling will have to continue to struggle or shut down as the state steals more money from hard working Oregonians. It is absolutely shameful.

I strongly encourage you to oppose this legislation, and any piece that resembles it, now or in the future. Oregonians and Oregon businesses cannot afford more taxes and restrictions, especially during a time like now.