

I am writing in opposition of HB 2674-1. We own and operate a small, family owned wheat ranch in Sherman County. Because wheat is sold as a commodity on the world market we have no control over the price we receive for our crop. The only thing we can try to control is our expenses and our margins are already small. Adding taxes to our off-road fuel, equipment and tires doesn't make sense. We only use red dyed diesel for off road farm equipment so I'm not sure why we should pay road taxes for this. Adding a 3% on new tires (which can already cost \$1500-\$2000 EACH for equipment) is a burdensome tax. Same with the tax on nonroad diesel equipment. With tractors and combines already costing \$400,000 and more this is a HUGE increase. . It's not fair to have us pay into a fund to pay for Portland's diesel fleet of busses.

Please vote no on HB 2674-1. It hurts the small farmers in our state.

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