

This bill would put an unfair burden on equipment rental companies and equipment providers. Ultimately, the bill will increase the costs of all types of construction (including residential) in a time that home prices are already out of reach for the average person. I am not involved in tire sales, but I purchase a lot of them. Cost of tires are already excessive, adding 3-5% will only inflate them to higher levels. This type of legislation has no effect on climate change, it simply increases revenue for an already inefficient bureaucracy and raises the cost of living for the entire state.

The wording of the legislation is interesting to me (privilege tax, excise tax). These are simply a sales tax, we should call them by the correct name. The voters have consistently declined to support sales taxes in Oregon and this is simply a work-around. Please do the right thing and listen to the voters. WE DON'T WANT A SALES TAX!!!