

HB 2674 is another tax disguised as something else. Multiple taxes and fees to support a "study of emissions". Again businesses are asked to be a tax collector as they will have to pass this tax thru to the consumer. The general public will not be aware of another tax increase until after it is implemented. We hear about "transparency" in government, but that is not put into practice on bills like this. We hear about the need for affordable housing but a tax like this increases the cost of construction of housing. There is talk of a need for new schools and other infrastructure but this tax adds to the cost of every project in the State. The myth that is sold to the people of Oregon is that you are taxing greedy Big business. In reality Big business will pass thru all these taxes and increased costs to the people of Oregon. Small business will now have another layer of tax collection and documentation to pay for and it will not be as easy for them to be in compliance. At some point small business will have so many regulations, restrictions, and responsibilities that they will give up. It is disingenuous and intellectually dishonest, for the people of Oregon to not have a direct voice on the never ending tax increases. Please defeat this ill-conceived bill and at the very least put all taxation questions to the people of Oregon on the ballot.