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HB 3297 is a horrible proposal because it conflicts with Oregon's stated environmental goals by PUNISHING people who try to do the right thing and use less fossil fuel, thereby reducing dependence on foreign imported petroleum, reducing air pollution and reducing wear and tear on our highways by using lighter vehicles.

Oregon's gas tax has not been increased since 2017. Road maintenance and construction costs have increased significantly since 2017. Raising the gas tax is the most appropriate response to declining fuel tax revenue for these reasons.

Governor Kotek recently paused the unfair and disproportionate tolling proposals and pledged to form a task force to develop more fair and equitable ways to finance road improvements. This bill should be tabled while waiting for the outcome of Governor Kotek's task force.

Thank you for your consideration of my opposition to this very bad proposed law.