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This bill is an abomination from start to finish. Imagine paying a tax that offers you no personal benefit whatsoever. None. Zip. Zero. That's what this bill does. Multiplied thousands of Oregon residents rely upon wheeled transportation daily to deliver their goods, commute to work, go shopping, attend church, etc. This bill taxes their tire purchases (already expensive enough) and gives the proceeds to ODOT to spend on mass transit—something very few people use. (And ODOT already has plenty of money, if they would just use it to improve roads and other infrastructure instead of spending it on frivolous, idealistic projects.) Another beneficiary is the DEQ, which needs more money to make Oregonians' lives more miserable than they already are.

In general, I find it utterly appalling that this legislature seems incapable of solving Oregonians' real problems, but instead spends its time proposing new ways to tax us, spinning its wheels and tilting at windmills rather than finding real solutions.

This bill should never have seen the light of day. Please withdraw it from consideration and drive a stake in its heart.