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As Chairwoman of the Umpqua Public Transportation District, I strongly oppose House Bill 3362 on behalf of my constituents, who would face undue financial burdens from this ill-conceived legislation. The proposed 4% tire excise tax, intended to fund rail transit, tire pollution initiatives, and wildlife crossings, places an unnecessary obstacle in the path of rural Oregonians already struggling to afford reliable transportation amid rising costs. My constituents—hardworking families and small business owners—rely on their vehicles daily, yet this tax offers them no tangible benefits, diverting resources to urban-centric rail systems and questionable "tire pollution" programs lacking clear justification. Oregon must prioritize its people over such misdirected policies; we are overtaxed without adequate representation or return on the dollars extracted. This bill echoes the Oregon Department of Transportation's \$1 billion shortfall—a result of poor planning and fiscal mismanagement—further eroding trust that these funds will serve my district's needs, like maintaining essential rural roads and supporting rural transit for basic needs. I respectfully urge the Joint Transportation Committee to reject HB 3362 and refocus on practical solutions that support, rather than strain, the constituents I serve.