

Submitter: Janet Redmond

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

I respectfully request that you vote no on HB 3362 as currently presented.

I am opposed to adding a new tax on tires. Increasing taxes on tires could negatively impact safety on Oregon roads and highways as people delay needed replacement of tires due to the increased cost of new tires.

Should a new tax on tires be considered, any funds should solely be directed toward existing road maintenance or limited, proven tire pollution mitigation programs. Using these funds for mass transit, including rail programs would very likely only benefit those in a very few urban counties - while disproportionately costing rural taxpayers where travel distances are greater and therefore tires wear more quickly. As proposed this becomes another requirement for rural Oregonian's to subsidize metro.