

Submitter: Chad Kernutt
On Behalf Of: WE THE PEOPLE
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

Dear Lawmakers

My name is Chad Kernutt, I have a single income family of 5, and I'm testifying today in opposition to the proposed democrat party tax bill HB-3362 seeking to raise taxes on us tax paying citizens by going after the daily transportation of everyone living outside of Portlandia, creating a tax that amounts to an estimated average of \$40-\$70 dollars per set of tires and funneling the new tax money into the ODOT budget coffers. WE THE PEOPLE are not ok with and do not consent to continuing the dump of tax payer dollars into an ODOT agency that continues to fail audits, goes dangerously over budget on every project that they partake in, and does not adequately prioritize their projects in the first place, and continues to put the progressive wish list projects of Oregon's metro city, Portlandia, to the front of the line, despite them always ending up as failures and money pits that seem to be never ending. Meanwhile the rest of the state and especially the rural communities continue to suffer when it comes to our roads and infrastructure. It's already egregious that the entire state gets taxed for the ridiculous Portland metro transportation taxes that keep it's rail car, bus systems, and electric vehicle charging stations going, when the rest of us Oregonians who are not Portlanders do not and will not ever use the dagone things.

Oregon already ranks 3rd in highest income taxed states and 18th in highest property taxes. Marijuana taxes, gross receipts sales taxes, carbon taxes, and diesel rig taxes were the latest brain child tax bills dreamed up and forced upon WE THE PEOPLE in Oregon by Oregon's governor and democrat lawmakers and it's done nothing to improve our economy, climate change, or give us more money in our pockets for our families. It seems a bit disgusting, reckless, and irresponsible to me that their are lawmakers dreaming up new taxes to fix the states budget issues and prop up it's agencies when the state is steered and led by Democrats to begin with who can not affectively manage money or keep it's agencies out of continuous scandals. Especially when meanwhile, the very same governor, lawmakers, and committees have done everything in their power to make costs go up from both ends on the food supply chain and on commodities, and allowed rent prices, mortgage rates, property taxes, and energy rates to climb through the roof in the last 4 years. WE THE PEOPLE do not need new taxes. We need relief and the ability to keep more of our hard earned money for our families. Please vote NO on HB-3362. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Chad Kernutt

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