

**Testimony in Opposition to HB 3362**  
**Representative Bobby Levy, House District 58**

Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Vice-Chairs Starr and Boshart-Davis, and Members of the Committee,

I write today in strong opposition to HB 3362, which would impose a new excise tax on the sale of tires in Oregon. While I recognize the need for responsible environmental stewardship, this bill places an unnecessary financial burden on Oregonians, particularly those in rural communities like Eastern Oregon.

For those of us who live and work in rural areas, reliable transportation is not a luxury—it is an absolute necessity. Unlike urban residents, many Eastern Oregonians drive long distances daily for work, school, medical appointments, and essential services. Our roads are often rougher, our weather more extreme, and our livelihoods—whether in agriculture, ranching, or small business—depend on vehicles in good working condition. This tax would unfairly penalize rural Oregonians, who already face higher transportation costs due to fuel expenses, vehicle maintenance, and limited public transit options.

Furthermore, the proposed 4% excise tax disproportionately impacts industries that are the backbone of our region, including farming, ranching, and trucking. These industries rely on heavy-duty vehicles that require frequent tire replacements due to the demanding conditions of their work. By increasing the cost of doing business, HB 3362 threatens to drive up the price of food, goods, and services—not just in rural Oregon, but across the state.

At a time when inflation continues to strain household budgets, we should be working to reduce financial burdens on working families, not add to them. For these reasons, I urge this committee to reject HB 3362.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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