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Oregon Legislature has destroyed my small business and continues to destroy small businesses by imposing greater expenses upon them and then sends those monies off to organizations that offer no real benefit to the productive people of this State. Apparently, the people who favor this bill either never buy tires or have a great deal more cash on hand than the average Oregonian. Passing of this bill will mean the cheapest tire available at Walmart will cost an additional \$17 each. For any business with OTR or dump trucks will now have to spend an additional \$175-\$200 for a set of drive tires. Farmers will be paying an additional \$29 each or more depending on which particular tire they need. All of your taxes, regulations and covid-era policies have already eliminated an enormous number of small business, leaving razor thin margins for those that remain. Since you are now adding this increase of the cost of doing business, you are by default imposing this tax on EVERY tire sold upon your constituents.

Also, as I read ORS 366.505 (et al) ODOT can only spend money on roads and the infrastructure thereof. In just a brief examination, I see expenditures in the millions to the University of Maryland, and also expenditures for protection of "Fairy Shrimp" in the vernal pools in southern Oregon where there are no ODOT highways running through or near the affected property. I would think that if any legislation is needed, it would be to keep ODOT expenditures local to the State, and penalties for those who permit expenditure outside the confines of ORS 366. (et al)