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I strongly oppose HB 3362, the tire tax bill. This proposal will impose an unfair tax on every tire purchased in Oregon, but the funds will not go toward fixing Oregon's crumbling roads or bridges. Instead, they will be diverted to fund mass transit and environmental programs, which do nothing to address our immediate infrastructure needs. Oregon roads are in desperate need of repairs, and we cannot afford to divert funds away from maintaining and improving our roads and highways. In other words, the proceeds of a tire sales tax should not be given to the Department of Transportation. ODOT is currently unable to account for millions of dollars previously provided by Oregon residents.