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I strongly oppose a 4% tax on tires. This is just another predatory tactic against the transportation industry. Trucking is already paying more than its fair share in tax to the State of Oregon. Is this the proposed "remedy" the legislature has in mind to "fix" the constitutional violation and over-taxation they have illegally forced upon the trucking industry? Oregon already tops the list for the most expensive states in the NATION to move goods in. The consensus is that these costs can be passed along to the customer. Flawed logic that could not be further from the truth. Transportation competes in blind bids with carriers from states across the nation. Since Oregon is the highest price point for trucking, Oregon carriers are losing business to out of state carriers because they have much lower truck operating costs, and lower employment costs. The exponential cost increases (PUC tax, employment taxes, transit taxes, CAT tax, ie: sales tax, city delivery taxes, Supportive Housing tax just to name a few) have forced many Oregon carriers out of business. The State of Oregon and ODOT has a lot of work to do before ever getting my vote again. The promises made for the 2017 Transportation package were complete lies. Reminder, they promised transparency THEN and to be auditable THEN. As you can see in recent articles, there are singing to the same tune, to "do better", to be auditable. What's changed? 2017 was a 53% cost increase to the transportation industry, it did nothing more than result in a bunch of "oopsies" and empty promises. Oregon and ODOT has taken more than its fair share. No Sales Tax on Tires. Enough is enough.