

Position on proposed tire sales tax, HB 3362

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I highly oppose the proposed tax on tires. It seems like the government is never satisfied and can never find enough things to tax citizens on. My wife and I are retired and every penny counts to stay within our limited budget--especially now, when prices of everything have skyrocketed. New tires by themselves are extremely expensive these days. That will be enough of a burden all by itself. We can ill afford yet another tax eating into our funds. Further, it is highly questionable whether investing further in environmental and public transport projects is the most efficient use of Department of Transportation funds. Such project are driven more by ideology than by a practical look at the needs of the citizenry as a whole. Finally, it has come to my attention that the Department of Transportation has not been using the funds it has been collecting year after year wisely or even accounting for them properly. For all these reasons, the State has no business heaping yet ANOTHER tax upon its citizens--especially to fund the proposed projects.