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I support HB 3362 because:

Revenue from the tire tax would fund filtration systems and stream restoration projects to intercept and reduce this pollution, protecting vital salmon habitats.

Wildlife frequently crossroads, leading to thousands of vehicle-animal collisions each year, posing dangers to both animals and drivers.

Wildlife crossings, such as bridges and underpasses, have been proven to significantly reduce roadkill incidents and enhance ecological connectivity.

The tax would create a dedicated funding source to build and maintain wildlife crossings, helping to prevent crashes while preserving biodiversity.

Expanding rail infrastructure for freight and passenger travel provides a long-term solution to reduce reliance on cars and trucks.

Trains are more efficient than road transport, producing less pollution and decreasing overall tire wear.

Fewer cars and trucks on the road mean less tire-derived microplastic pollution, fewer road repairs, and reduced runoff contamination.

The tax revenue would help fund rail improvements, providing Oregonians with better, more sustainable transportation alternatives.

Thank you