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RE HB 3362.

I oppose the bill broadly because it is structured to tax rural people disproportionately with much of the proceeds going to support the Portland light rail system.

It is also horribly written and ambiguous as to who owes what.

For example: under Section 1.1 a "seller" is defined as anyone making a 'retail sale' of a tire as part of their business. Does this include a car dealer who sells a new or used car with tires on it???? Don't know and can't tell.

What if John Q Public buys a tire, and at some point returns the tire under warranty: formal or informal: Is he then a seller?

Subsection 2 speaks of "newly refurbished tire" Is that a 'recap' or a flat tire with a patch in it? Can the same tire be taxed more than once if its traded in? If a used car is (with tires on it) is traded to another dealer, or sold to John Q Public is there a tax on the tires that may be on it???

If there is a tax on a tire sold with a car or for that matter with a Wheel how do you figure the tax????

What about 'trailer' tires.??? Big trucks for example have a lot of trailer tires on them. The bill limits the tax to tires 'designed' for use on a Motor Vehicle. I don't think a trailer is a motor vehicle, just as a box car isn't a locomotive. Is the fact that they a 'trailer tread' on them enough to exempt them. or do they need a label on them that says "trailer".

What about tires purchased out of state, or from Amazon? purchased Does a Washington state resident who drives in Oregon subject to the tax.????

What about road grader tires.----on a road grader designed to plow snow on highways. Road graders are nominally off highway equipment but if its a snowplow the tires are surely designed for use on a motor vehicle for travel on public highways. do they Owe a tax?

Waht about House trailer tires??? What about battery powered wheel chairs???

they have a motor and can do travel on public roads and highways.