

Submitter: Matthew Alexander
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

My name is Matthew Alexander and I live in Hillsboro, Oregon. I support House Bill 3362.

Pollution caused by tire particles containing toxics that harm salmon, and those buying tires would have an opportunity to help fund solutions. This tax would not be a punishment for tire purchases - it would be about pricing in unrecognized externalities of a mode of transportation (previously unrecognized cost surrounding damage to aquatic ecosystems as well as environmental harm from tire and car production in this case) and using the revenue raised to support remediation and alternative transit options. This bill is critical to fund cleaner and more sustainable transportation options for Oregonians. Amtrak Cascades is popular and has broken ridership records in 2023 and 2024. Additionally, operating passenger trains on the same tracks as freight trains is an economical use of resources, and improvements benefit both freight movement and passenger travel.

I strongly urge your YES vote for House Bill 3362.

Thank you