

March 4, 2025

STATEMENT OF
THE TIRE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
IN OPPOSITION OF H.B. 3362
BEFORE THE
OREGON JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Vice Chairs Boshart Davis and Starr, and members of the Committee on Transportation,

I respectfully submit this statement on behalf of the 153 Oregon businesses that are members of the Tire Industry Association (TIA).

The Tire Industry Association is an international non-profit association representing all segments of the tire industry, including those that manufacture, repair, recycle, sell, service or use new or retreaded tires, and also those suppliers or individuals who furnish equipment, material or services to the industry.

The mission of TIA is to promote tire safety through training and education, to act as the principal advocate in government affairs and to enhance the image and professionalism of the industry so that our member businesses may be more successful.

TIA has more than 13,000 members from all 50 states and around the globe. As the industry leader in tire service technician training, TIA has educated more than 200,000 people since 1997.

TIA has long been a leader in promoting tire recycling and sustainability across the country, including in Oregon. Our association's Environmental Advisory Council is focused on sustainable solutions for tire recycling.

TIA expresses our strong opposition to HB 3362, which proposes to tax tires to pay for railway infrastructure and wildlife crossing.

This legislation proposes raising revenue through a tax on tires for purposes entirely unrelated to tires.

While we recognize the need for funding various state programs, we firmly believe that any tax or fee imposed on a product should be directly tied to its environmental impact or other meaningful purposes related to that product such as tire recycling, cleanup efforts, or road safety initiatives.

HB 3362 does not meet that standard and instead places an unnecessary financial burden on consumers.

If enacted, this bill would affect every Oregonian who drives a vehicle, with a disproportionate impact on low-income individuals who can least afford higher tire prices.

When consumers face significantly increased costs, they may delay necessary tire replacements or turn to unsafe used tire options, both of which pose serious safety risks on Oregon's roads. Proper tire



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maintenance and timely replacement are critical for vehicle safety, and policies that make safe tires less accessible could lead to more accidents and roadway hazards.

For these reasons, we urge the committee to oppose HB 3362. Instead of imposing an unrelated tax on tires, we encourage lawmakers to explore funding mechanisms that do not compromise consumer safety or unfairly burden drivers.

We appreciate your time and understanding of our concerns and welcome the opportunity to further discuss this issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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