

Submitter: Russell Johnson
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

Dear Sirs;

Because of inflation, and no wage increase for myself in several years, an additional tax certainly is not welcome. With property taxes that increase each year, and the cost of living constantly increasing, it's hard to understand how the committee feels that now is the time to impose yet another tax. In my opinion, these funds are not needed. The State has got by without the money from this tax, and to me appears to be yet another scheme to acquire more money for the State Government to use as they see fit. I'm not in favor of this tax, and given the opportunity will gladly vote against it. Private enterprises that specifically recycle tires seem to take care of old tires without the State Government being involved, and as for a "rail transit fund", as far as I'm concerned, if a "rail transit" enterprise can't function without money from the Government, they shouldn't be in business. It's is not the State Government's responsibility to provide rail transit for State Citizens, and from what I've seen, such a fund would only benefit large cities like Portland and the surrounding areas. Smaller communities which make up the majority of the communities in the State would not benefit at all from this tax.

Please keep in mind that many people are struggling financially at this time because of inflation and the continually rising cost of living. No new taxes are needed. If money truly is needed, I'm sure there is a lot of waste within the Oregon State Budget that can be eliminated to get the money that the State wants.

Sincerely,

Russell Johnson