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FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS I SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION: HB 3362 tackles the impact of tire chemicals on fish. Today, vehicle tires contain a chemical known as 6PPD, which is an additive that extends the life of a tire. When this chemical reacts with ozone, it transforms into a highly toxic substance known as 6PPD-quinone, which is highly toxic to Coho salmon, a federally listed native fish species found in the Rogue basin. As the tires wear down, 6PPD-quinone enters streams through the stormwater system and has been known to lead to large die-offs in the urban waterways of the Northwest. The good news is that 6PPD-quinone can be removed from stormwater by treating it in a variety of ways, but that of course costs money. By applying a 4% tax on vehicle tire sales (with some exceptions), the state is hoping to raise upwards of \$20 million to support tire pollution prevention and threats from 6PPD-quinone.