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Joint Committee on Transportation, you have a prime opportunity to fund critical environmental and sustainable transportation projects during this year's legislative session. Of particular importance is your opportunity to protect water quality not only for species of fish, but the for the citizens of Oregon. The impact of tire chemicals on fish and water quality in general is due to a chemical known as 6PPD (which converts to 6PPD-quinone) which vehicle tires contain.

By applying a 4% tax on vehicle tire sales (with some exceptions), the state can raise upwards of \$20 million to support tire pollution prevention and threats from 6PPD-quinone.

When one considers the importance of water (a non-partisan issue), it appears to be an obvious course of action that your committee can initiate.