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Co Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to HB 3362.

Saddle Butte Ag is a forage and cover crop seed company that has production with Oregon farmers in the Willamette Valley. My husband and I also operate a small grass seed and hay farm.

This bill penalizes Oregon farmers. Farmers are navigating a continued rise in cost of production, and tires are used for agricultural equipment, to transport products, to harvest commodities, and to transport our commodities to the end user. This tax would put a new cost on production at every step of the way.

Rural Oregonians travel farther to get to work, to do business, and to support their families. This puts an inequitable burden on rural Oregonians.

Lastly, the funding from this proposal does not go to support critical infrastructure investments.

I urge you to oppose HB 3362.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Cover Crops

Our Roots Run Deep



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