



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF OREGON

## Testimony in Opposition to HB 3362

Presented by the American Council of Engineering Companies

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Good evening co-Chairs McLaine and Gorsek and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation. I am Marshall Coba representing the American Council of Engineering Companies and our more than 115 member firms and 4,500 employees across the state. ACEC is opposed to HB 3362 and the taxation of tire sales for purposes other than the highway fund.

ACEC has a long-standing policy of being a strong supporter of the state highway fund. We believe the adequate funding of this important tool is key to the continued ability of ODOT to do appropriate maintenance and operations of the system. We feel that HB 3362 breaks the trust fund by using automobile related funding sources for purposes other than the highway fund. While we agree the proposed uses of the tire tax fund would be well spent funds, we don't support the source of the funds being diverted from the highway fund.

ACEC supports a strong and viable transportation system and ODOT. We think HB 3362 is moving in a direction that is not in the best interest of our highly leveraged highway trust fund and that any further discussion of this policy should be done in the midst of the overall transportation funding proposal yet to be developed in this session.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on HB 3362