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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES SB 5541
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Transportation and Economic Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5541

I OPPOSE [HB 5541].What is the cumulative costs of all Project Labor Agreements on all State Construction Projects?

From the TEXT of [HB 5541], "...SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$19,000,000 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses by the Department of Transportation from American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys received by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and transferred to the Department of Transportation, for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass Project...."

***Governor Kotek has not done anyone any favors with the inflationary inclusion of, "Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass Project."

PLAs can be manipulated and abused increasing time a project can begin construction to the end of the project. During this time, the 'cost of money' (construction loans, interest rates) can add costly overruns and serves to increase inflationary pressures on the overall economy.

***The PLAs will allegedly add twenty percent (20%) to the cost of, "The Newberg-Dundee Bypass Project (and also to all state construction contracts)."

***The PLAs [@ 20% increase] is used to appease the various Unions. The [20% (increase in construction costs)] equates to roughly [\$3.8Million dollars] to appease the various Unions.

Is the [\$3.8Million dollars] a 'Tax' the rate payers must pay for the "Newberg-Dundee Bypass Project?"

Is the [\$3.8 Million dollars] a Taxpayer funded, political slush fund to appease the various Unions for political assistance/support for future political aspirations (Bribery)?

***I DO NOT suggest, imply and or infer any wrongdoing by anyone and or any organization(s).

With reference to the Dundee-Newberg segment of the Bypass (which has been

operational for some time) ***Safety is a big concern. ***There are too many bad drivers and too little enforcement.

***Cameras to photograph speeders and the addition of 'Double yellow lines (the entire length of the Dundee to Newberg segment)' could be very helpful. The application and deployment of concrete 'K-rails' (the entire length of the Dundee-Newberg Bypass segment) would be a definite plus.

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Mr. Oregon Concur and says, "The Oregon State Police are really good at placing 'Bad-drivers' into submission."