

Submitter:

Margo Mandrillo Mandrillo

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

As a lifelong Oregonian, I'm deeply concerned about House Bill 2025. While it's framed as a transportation improvement plan, the reality is it imposes steep tax and fee increases that will fall hardest on working families and rural residents. From raising the gas tax by over 60% to adding per-mile charges for electric vehicles and new car transfer taxes, this bill asks too much of everyday Oregonians at a time when many are already struggling to afford basic needs. And yet, most of the money goes toward massive highway projects—not toward safer streets, school routes, or public transit improvements that would actually serve communities.

Even more troubling is how little transparency this bill offers. It was drafted largely behind closed doors, shifts key decision-making power to the governor, and offers limited oversight for where the money will go. If HB 2025 is truly a responsible and equitable plan, why not let the public vote on it? We all want better roads and safer infrastructure, but this bill isn't the way. It puts too much of the burden on those with the least and gives too much power to those at the top. Oregon deserves better.