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Committee:

Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

I oppose Transportaion Reinvestment for the following reasons:

Increased gas tax will effect those with lower incomes and the working poor, making it near impossible for them to travel to work. Increased taxes on commercial vehicles will result in increased goods and food prices, while most Oregonians are already suffering under the weight of inflation and barely getting by. Small businesses which are consistently being beat down by increased taxes will suffer even more as few will be able to bear the burden of increased prices.

My suggestion would to form a commitee that actually listens to current ODOT workers and better organize them. Perhaps new leadership is needed. There is sufficent funding at this time and instead of the usual " lets raise taxes" how about really looking at how ODOT functions and how it can be improved. Oregonians are already paying high prices for fuel and to raise the tax even further is self defeating. Higher tax, less use. The whole proposition is ridiculous and it is my strong hope that this bill will be reconsidered.