

Submitter:

Sarah Blankenship

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Please vote NO on HB 2025

HB 2025 is a very sneaky bill. In the last two weeks of the legislative session for the year 2025, a 175 page bill dropped at 8:05 am on Monday morning and then three meetings were then scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the same week BEFORE a financial impact report had been attached. This is irresponsible and reckless behavior with the legislative process. On a MASSIVE TAX BILL like this there should be NO MEETING SCHEDULED UNTIL THE FINANCIAL IMPACT has been calculated and IS ATTACHED TO THE BILL. This sneaky approach is wrong and reckless and erodes all trust with the public you were elected to serve.

Also, this should go to a public vote and not a last two weeks ram it through approach with not enough time to read the bill.

To legislators on both sides, this amendment dropping at the last minute to not allow due process needs to stop.

Legislators, you were hired to do an informed job and not to vote on issues you didn't have an informed position on. Please, please, please set up some balances and checks on rushing things through before having adequate time to think about what you are voting on. Your decisions have consequences.

Here is a very very rough estimate: \$1 billion divided by roughly 3 million Oregon drivers is a \$333 tax per year per person. This amount of reaching into the wallets of the public should be put to a public vote. Also, it would build trust if we the public heard more about the legislature auditing the transportation department's spending before trying to pass sneaky last minute massive tax bills that attempt to evade the public knowing the cost of until the last minute.

Please vote NO on HB 2025.