

**I oppose House Bill 2025 for the following reasons.**

- **First, I see accountability and transparency issues with Oregon projects being unfinished in the last 5 years.**
  - **The state needs to be more accountable to complete projects instead of just raising taxes on its citizens that ensure you have money but, do not spend it on projects to completion. An example:**
    - **According to the Salem Statesmen Journal, “More than \$50 million in Connect Oregon funding has gone to two intermodal projects named in HB 2017. The Treasure Valley project has yet to be completed. The other, the Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Facility, has not yet shipped a single container more than two years after it was completed in 2022.”**
- **The cost of this bill will add an extreme burden to Oregon citizens who are already overstretched trying to meet housing, food and basic expenses to sustain themselves and their families.**
- **This bill would hurt businesses who have delivery or transport trucks by charging them a tax at the level this bill would impose upon them.**
  - **This could especially cause a startup business or established small businesses to be unable to remain in business and not only hurt the business owners but Oregon citizens who depend on them.**
  - **This most likely would cause established businesses difficulty in sustaining their business as well. Because they are established, it might be more of a slow drain on their business but, nonetheless, still break them over time.**
- **This bill will tax bikes at 63%. Young people who depend on bikes since they can't afford a car would be definitely be hurt.**
  - **Bikes for children would become obsolete because they and their family can't afford such an increase in a benign recreational vehicle.**
  - **These bikes don't even erode the road so why are they penalized?**
- **Future fuel tax increases would be indexed and tied to inflation as just an automatic increase without legislative approval, no vote, no input from the Oregon House & Senate nor the vote of Oregon citizens.**

**Oregon lawmakers need to be accountable in creating a bill that is workable for Oregon businesses and Oregon families. Oregon lawmakers also need to be transparent in their expenditures by responsible accounting and reporting to the citizens of Oregon.**

**Many voters already have a trust issue with government leaders so, it seems you as lawmakers would want to gain their trust by being accountable and transparent. Please reconsider this bill and do not pass it due to the negative impact it would have on Oregon and its citizens**