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I understand the need to find funding for our roads and transportation needs. However, this is an extremely poor way to go about it. This is a sales tax. A BIG sales tax. And it is coming at a time when inflation has already caused vehicles to become out of reach for many Oregonians. In addition to making vehicles much more expensive, this would cause unemployment in the important automotive sector of the economy because fewer sales would mean fewer jobs for sales people, administrative positions, technicians and support personnel.

Has the legislature considered reaching out to businesses for ideas? Businesses are not opposed to all taxes and fees because they know how important road infrastructure is to the economy. It would be not only refreshing to see a collaborative approach with business, but it would also yield solutions that are pragmatic and benefit all citizen-stakeholders.