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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Philip Klimbal, and I live in Harney County, Oregon. I'm writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 2025. I'm a small hay farmer trying to make do and it's honestly much harder these days. Earlier this year I left Estacada and moved to the Burns area in the hopes of a better, more affordable, life with the promise of actually being able to retire in a few years. But with raising gas taxes, registration fees, and payroll taxes I'm doubting I'll be able to do it even at 70. Higher taxes and fees are not the answer in these economic times. People are at their limit and need relief - not new taxes and fees. I urge you to vote no on HB 2025 and instead work with ODOT to transform their organization by reducing overhead, focusing on better planning, and implementing visible accountability for the funding it already has. The private sector is focused on flattening organization structures, reducing overhead costs, and making systems and processes more efficient. All levels of government need to take similar actions rather than looking for solutions from the pockets of the taxpayers.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration on HB 2025.