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This bill is excessive and burdensome to all Oregonians who use transportation and are affected by the use of transportation. This bill will raise the cost of living for all purchases and users of cars and trucks because almost everything depends on the vehicles that drive our roads, and their operators. This bill especially would be burdensome for rural residents of Oregon because of the distances traveled and the needs for transportation in agriculture. Use of heavier equipment, traveling over more miles, use of diesel, which would be taxed at the same rate as gasoline, are just some of the effects on ranchers and farmers. Oregon already pays higher gas taxes than other states, and this bill would raise the tax even further, perhaps up to 37% from my information sources. The fees/taxes from this bill are to be adjusted for inflation. As the Cost of Living rises, the costs of this bill will also rise forever, as written in this bill.

Because of mismanagement and federal policies from the previous administration, our state had great debt, and that includes the Department of Transportation. But this debt should not be made up on the backs of all Oregonians through increases in fees, gas/diesel taxes, licensing fees, vehicle sales, tire taxes, and more. The make-up of the Transportation Committee in our Legislature is from more urban than rural districts, and there is no committee member from Eastern Oregon. This is not balanced representation. Committee members may not realize the extreme burden HB 2025 puts on rural residents of our state. This bill needs to die before it can damage the finances of all Oregonians.