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I understand the balancing act that needs to happen with a bill affecting so many attributes of Oregon life. However, aiming your sights at the electric car industry is an incredibly short-sighted approach to balance. Electric car owners are already coping with the early adopter inconveniences because they believe that electric cars are better for our nation. Below is a short list of the advantages of electric vehicles.

1. Electricity is generated here in America, so it decreases the flow of money out of the country. Currently, America imports most of its petroleum fuel from countries with questionable politics.
2. Our cities are becoming unhealthy to live in, partially because of automobile pollution. Electric cars are the only real solution to that problem currently.
3. Electric vehicles are far more efficient than gas or diesel powered vehicles, so we are using the resources we have better. Electric motors only have a few moving parts. Gas motors have around 2700 moving parts, each creating friction, which kills the efficiency of the motor.
4. Electric vehicles are less expensive to drive, even factoring in battery replacement. Oregon families deserve to spend their money on things that improve their lives, not propping up some dictatorship across the sea.
5. Electric vehicles make America less vulnerable during an extended war with a foreign power. With the current use of drones as weapons, it would be easy for a foreign power to sink all the oil tankers shipping fuel to America.

I agree that electric vehicle owners need to pay their way, but charging a tax based on the average amount of taxes a vehicle that gets 20MPG pays at the pump makes no sense at all. Electric vehicle owners are helping plug the hole in our economy, while the guy driving a car that gets 20MPH is spending his money overseas.

Please amend HB2025 to reflect the reality of these facts.

Thank you,

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