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I oppose this bill which would raise gas taxes astronomically and also unreasonably raise the prices on vehicle registrations, drivers license fees, etc. How can you justify doubling the price of something? If we need to charge more for a driver's license to cover the costs of transportation programs, why haven't the fees been going up slowly over time? How do we all of a sudden need to more than double the price of things like a learners permit or a CDL? We don't need more taxes for transportation, we need better management of what ODOT does with their funding, and if programs need more money because costs have gone up, then that should be incremental (look at it each year or two and adjust), but it shouldn't be doubling or tripling in cost "just because." HB 3982 more reasonably addresses the needs of the State without costing taxpayers more money. We need smart allocation and spending of funds. Look at the data and see what makes sense, citizens of Oregon don't want to pay more taxes than we already do. Let's make better decisions on behalf of the many people that can't afford to pay more to live here!