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Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

I am submitting my testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 2025 for the following reasons:

- 1. This is a TAX According to the U.S. Constitution to pass this tax without the vote of the citizens is 'taxation without representation'. Ironically. it was these kind of governing behaviors the British were imposing on the colonies that sparked the American Revolution.
- 2. In case you haven't noticed, OR constituents are already dealing with increases in rents, groceries and utilities, etc., not to mention Oregon's gas prices are already on the high side.
- 3. This gas tax, if passed will just continue to increase the above mentioned expenses, because businesses and grocery stores will pass this increase in the cost for their

fuel needs on to their customers. So, Oregonians won't just be paying this tax hike at the pump, but everything else they need - groceries, car repairs, etc.

Finally, If you can't bring yourselves to vote this bill down, I urge all of you legislators to put this tax gas tax proposal measure on the 2026 ballot instead of ramming it down our throats.

I hope you're listening!

Becky Kliewer