

Submitter: Andrew Hall  
On Behalf Of: Oregon  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Honorable Oregon State Legislature, I oppose House Bill 2025, which proposes \$11.7 billion in new taxes/fees over a decade for transportation. The bill's taxes, including a 15-cent gas tax hike, 2% new car tax, 1% used car tax, and per-mile fee for electric/hybrid vehicles, could cost households \$1,140 yearly by 2034. Amid inflation, stagnant wages, and a housing crisis, this burden is unaffordable for many. Democratic voters, especially in swing and working-class areas, may see HB 2025 as a betrayal, potentially supporting Republicans who oppose these taxes. X posts show rising frustration, with voters threatening repeal. Even Rep. John Lively warns of backlash. The bill's late introduction, limited public input, and delayed fiscal details fuel distrust, resembling taxation without representation. Past promises from the 2017 transportation package fell short, and skepticism grows, especially in rural/suburban areas ignored by urban projects. If passed, HB 2025 could drive Democrats to back Republican repeal efforts or a referendum. Oregonians often reject tax hikes at the ballot. I urge you to reject HB 2025 and seek transparent, fiscally responsible solutions. This bill risks splitting Democrats and boosting Republicans. Vote NO.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Hall