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Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

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I strongly urge you to not pass this bill and instead spend the next year doing a thorough audit of ODOT and its operations. There is so much waste and mismanagement within that department which needs to be corrected before any type of tax increase is even considered. As a tax payer who lives on a state highway I can attest first hand to the wasteful spending. When I see crews put two signs up with in 25 ft of one another that say the same thing and lack of maintenance to this very heavily traveled highway all the while watching our tax dollars go to things like a failed rail system in Portland and building bike and pedestrian only bridges that cost 100's of millions of dollars, it's time to reprioritize where our money is being spent. I urge you to stop this insanely expensive bill, because if it passes even more of us will be forced to leave this state.