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The following my testimony (in satire format): BREAKING: Oregon Residents Now Just Living in Their Cars to Avoid 13 New Transportation Taxes

SALEM, OR — In a bold new lifestyle trend driven by fiscal necessity and a love of minimalist living, thousands of Oregonians have begun living in their cars — not out of choice, but because it's cheaper than owning one under the new 13-tax transportation plan proposed by state Democrats.

Dubbed "The Great Mobile Exodus," residents have been spotted abandoning their homes, canceling insurance policies, and parking permanently in grocery store lots just to escape the financial black hole known as HB-OMG-We're-Broke-4000.

"Look, I just couldn't afford to keep driving to work," said Eugene resident M. Jensen, broadcasting live from a 2005 Subaru Outback he now calls home. "My car registration cost more than my rent. Then they added a 2% sales tax, hiked DMV fees, and slapped a bicycle tax on my 10-year-old Schwinn. I tried rollerblading but the state started looking into taxing those too."

Under the proposed transportation bill, Oregonians would face:

The highest gas tax in the nation, which will soon be measured in pints of blood

New registration fees based on how many "good vibes" your car emits

A bicycle tax, ensuring even 4th graders pay their fair share

Higher DMV fees, which will now include a "soul processing surcharge"

A 2% sales tax on new vehicles, or 5% if your car doesn't identify as carbon neutral

Democratic lawmakers defend the 13 new taxes, claiming they are "essential to maintaining roads, funding infrastructure, and appeasing the Holy Council of Special Interests.

Meanwhile, Oregon's homeless population has become the state's fastest-growing homeowner demographic.