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Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

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I'm strongly opposed to HB 2025. Raising gas taxes, registration fees, and licensing costs in the middle of a cost-of living crisis is unacceptable. HB 2025 has to be defeated. The legislature has constantly increased fees and taxes every biennium. The Capital Activities Tax forced large companies to leave Oregon. I know farmers who wish they could pick up their farm and move it. It's so hard to make it anymore. Why are so many farms selling?

If the state wants more revenue, they can get it by reducing taxes, making it easier to do business in Oregon, and making Oregon investment-friendly. Also, this bill punishes working families. I know of many families who are contemplating moving to Idaho, Montana, North Carolina anywhere but their beloved Oregon due to the fact that they can live and work and not worry about their paycheck from week to week! Why do you do this? There are so many items you could be addressing as far as the infrastructure and the cost saving measures that could be implemented within each State Department. We do this at our company. Every year we look at how we are doing and find ways to save time and money. Why can't you?