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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

What the Legislation Proposes:

- A 15-cent per gallon increase in the state gas tax
- A 270% increase in vehicle registration fees
- A new 2% tax on the sale of new vehicles
- A 1% tax on used vehicles priced over \$10,000
- An increase in the payroll tax
- An increase to the existing vehicle privilege tax
- Additional fees based on vehicle weight, mileage, and usage

These proposed changes would significantly raise the cost of vehicle ownership and operation in Oregon, particularly for everyday working residents who rely on personal transportation. In contrast, the bill does not apply new taxes to non-essential or luxury purchases such as high-end consumer goods, entertainment, or travel.

The concern is that these increases place a disproportionate burden on individuals and families for whom a car is a basic necessity—not a luxury. Public testimony submitted on the bill was reportedly two-to-one in opposition, yet the measure continues to move forward.

Many feel this raises questions about representation and whether the financial realities of working families are being fully considered.