

Submitter: Tom Brooks

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

My name is Tom Brooks, and I am a farmer in Benton County. I urge you to oppose HB 2025.

The proposed tax increases will severely hurt rural Oregon. My operation depends on affordable fuel and reliable transportation. This bill dramatically increases costs while funding projects that provide no direct benefit to us.

I experience many instances of poorly run government agencies, including ODOT in the area of Use Fuel reporting and have also experienced the slow down of small refunds. We are farmers growing food and expect our legislators to get the problems plaguing ODOT resolved before adding any additional taxes or regulations.

ODOT needs reform and accountability—not a blank check. Please reject HB 2025 or send it back for real, balanced solutions.