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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Revised

I oppose HB 2025 for the following reasons:

1. I wholehearted believe all new taxes or tax increases should go to the voters.
2. Oregonians can't afford the tax and fee increases. Oregon's cost of living is already about 10% higher than average states. These increases will most likely drive more people out of the state (lowering tax revenue and your population, which come next census can affect how many US reps we have).
3. HB 2025 will drive up costs for businesses with extra transportation fees, increased payroll taxes and more. This will of course hit small businesses harder, in turn giving the large businesses an advantage because they are more equipped to handle price increases.
4. The state needs to first practice fiscal responsibility and cut wasteful spending, before increasing the tax and fee burdens of Oregonians.

The only part of this bill that I support is the regular audit of the Department of Transportation. Please also audit the rest of the spending in the Oregon government and allow for an audit by the citizens.