

Submitter: Nick Smith

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

I am writing to urge you not to support the Transportation Bill that includes a series of harmful tax increases that will have a significant negative impact on working- and middle-class Oregonians, including retirees on fixed incomes.

This legislation proposes:

- A 15-cent per gallon gas tax increase
- A 270% increase in auto registration fees
- A 2% tax on all new vehicle purchases
- A 1% tax on used vehicle purchases over \$10,000
- Increased payroll taxes
- Higher privilege, weight, and mileage taxes

These taxes unfairly target everyday Oregonians simply trying to afford reliable transportation—especially families, small business owners, and seniors living paycheck to paycheck. Reliable transportation isn't a luxury—it's a necessity for work, school, medical appointments, and caregiving.

This legislation would create a disproportionate burden on those who can least afford it, while exempting high-end luxury purchases. It's deeply concerning that despite overwhelming public opposition during testimony—reportedly two to one against—this bill continues to move forward.

Please consider the real-world impact on your constituents. We ask you to vote NO on this bill and to explore more equitable and responsible funding alternatives that do not punish working families and retired citizens.

Sincerely,  
Nicholas Smith  
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