

House Bill 2885

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK

SUMMARY

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Increases fuel tax and motor carrier taxes. Schedules future increases of fuel tax every five years.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to vehicle taxes; amending ORS 319.020, 319.530, 825.476 and 825.480; and providing for
3 revenue raising that requires approval by a three-fifths majority.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 319.020 is amended to read:

6 319.020. (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4) of this section, in addition to the taxes otherwise
7 provided for by law, every dealer engaging in the dealer's own name, or in the name of others, in
8 the first sale, use or distribution of motor vehicle fuel or aircraft fuel or withdrawal of motor vehicle
9 fuel or aircraft fuel for sale, use or distribution within areas in this state within which the state
10 lacks the power to tax the sale, use or distribution of motor vehicle fuel or aircraft fuel, shall:

11 (a) Not later than the 25th day of each calendar month, render a statement to the Department
12 of Transportation of all motor vehicle fuel or aircraft fuel sold, used, distributed or so withdrawn
13 by the dealer in the State of Oregon as well as all such fuel sold, used or distributed in this state
14 by a purchaser thereof upon which sale, use or distribution the dealer has assumed liability for the
15 applicable license tax during the preceding calendar month.

16 (b) Except as provided in ORS 319.270, pay a license tax computed on the basis of [24] **29** cents
17 per gallon on the first sale, use or distribution of such motor vehicle fuel [*or aircraft fuel*] so sold,
18 used, distributed or withdrawn as shown by such statement in the manner and within the time pro-
19 vided in ORS 319.010 to 319.430. **On January 1, 2015, and on January 1 of each fifth year**
20 **thereafter, the license tax is increased by five cents.**

21 (c) **Except as provided in ORS 319.270, pay a license tax computed on the basis of 24 cents**
22 **per gallon on the first sale, use or distribution of such aircraft fuel so sold, used, distributed**
23 **or withdrawn as shown by such statement in the manner and within the time provided in**
24 **ORS 319.010 to 319.430.**

25 (2) When aircraft fuel is sold, used or distributed by a dealer, the license tax shall be computed
26 on the basis of nine cents per gallon of fuel so sold, used or distributed, except that when aircraft
27 fuel usable in aircraft operated by turbine engines (turbo-prop or jet) is sold, used or distributed, the
28 tax rate shall be one cent per gallon.

29 (3) In lieu of claiming refund of the tax paid on motor vehicle fuel consumed by such dealer in
30 nonhighway use as provided in ORS 319.280, 319.290 and 319.320, or of any prior erroneous payment
31 of license tax made to the state by such dealer, the dealer may show such motor vehicle fuel as a

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 credit or deduction on the monthly statement and payment of tax.

2 (4) The license tax computed on the basis of the sale, use, distribution or withdrawal of motor
3 vehicle or aircraft fuel shall not be imposed wherever such tax is prohibited by the Constitution or
4 laws of the United States with respect to such tax.

5 **SECTION 2.** ORS 319.530 is amended to read:

6 319.530. (1) To compensate this state partially for the use of its highways, an excise tax hereby
7 is imposed at the rate of [24] **29** cents per gallon on the use of fuel in a motor vehicle. Except as
8 otherwise provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, 100 cubic feet of fuel used or sold in
9 a gaseous state, measured at 14.73 pounds per square inch of pressure at 60 degrees Fahrenheit, is
10 taxable at the same rate as a gallon of liquid fuel.

11 (2) One hundred twenty cubic feet of compressed natural gas used or sold in a gaseous state,
12 measured at 14.73 pounds per square inch of pressure at 60 degrees Fahrenheit, is taxable at the
13 same rate as a gallon of liquid fuel.

14 (3) One and three-tenths liquid gallons of propane at 60 degrees Fahrenheit is taxable at the
15 same rate as a gallon of other liquid fuel.

16 (4) **On January 1, 2015, and on January 1 of each fifth year thereafter, the rate of excise**
17 **tax in subsection (1) of this section is increased by five cents.**

18 **SECTION 3.** ORS 825.476 is amended to read:

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22 MILEAGE TAX RATE TABLE "A"

23 Declared Combined	24 Fee Rates
25 Weight Groups	26 Per Mile
27 (Pounds)	28 (Mills)
29 26,001 to 28,000	30 [40.0] _____
31 28,001 to 30,000	32 [42.4] _____
33 30,001 to 32,000	34 [44.3] _____
35 32,001 to 34,000	36 [46.3] _____
37 34,001 to 36,000	38 [48.1] _____
39 36,001 to 38,000	40 [50.6] _____
41 38,001 to 40,000	42 [52.5] _____
43 40,001 to 42,000	44 [54.4] _____
45 42,001 to 44,000	[56.4] _____
46 44,001 to 46,000	[58.3] _____
47 46,001 to 48,000	[60.2] _____
48 48,001 to 50,000	[62.2] _____
49 50,001 to 52,000	[64.5] _____
50 52,001 to 54,000	[66.9] _____
51 54,001 to 56,000	[69.4] _____
52 56,001 to 58,000	[72.3] _____
53 58,001 to 60,000	[75.6] _____
54 60,001 to 62,000	[79.5] _____
55 62,001 to 64,000	[83.9] _____
56 64,001 to 66,000	[88.7] _____

1	66,001 to 68,000	[95.0]	_____
2	68,001 to 70,000	[101.7]	_____
3	70,001 to 72,000	[108.4]	_____
4	72,001 to 74,000	[114.6]	_____
5	74,001 to 76,000	[120.5]	_____
6	76,001 to 78,000	[126.3]	_____
7	78,001 to 80,000	[131.6]	_____

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AXLE-WEIGHT MILEAGE

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TAX RATE TABLE "B"

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Declared Combined Weight Groups (Pounds)	Number of Axles				
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80,001 to 82,000	[135.9]	124.3	116.2	110.4	104.1]
82,001 to 84,000	[140.3]	126.3	118.1	111.8	105.5]
84,001 to 86,000	[144.5]	129.2	120.0	113.2	107.0]
86,001 to 88,000	[149.4]	132.0	121.9	115.2	108.4]
88,001 to 90,000	[155.2]	135.4	123.9	117.1	110.4]
90,001 to 92,000	[161.9]	139.3	125.7	119.0	112.3]
92,001 to 94,000	[169.2]	143.1	127.7	120.9	113.8]
94,001 to 96,000	[176.9]	147.5	130.1	122.9	115.6]
96,001 to 98,000	[185.1]	152.8	133.0	124.9	117.6]
98,001 to 100,000		[158.5]	135.9	127.2	119.5]
100,001 to 102,000			[138.8]	130.1	121.5]
102,001 to 104,000			[141.7]	133.0	123.9]
104,001 to 105,500			[145.5]	135.9	126.3]

SECTION 4. ORS 825.480 is amended to read:

825.480. (1)(a) In lieu of other fees provided in ORS 825.474, carriers engaged in operating motor vehicles in the transportation of logs, poles, peeler cores or piling may pay annual fees for such

1 operation computed at the rate of [*six dollars and ten cents*] _____ for each 100 pounds of declared
 2 combined weight.

3 (b) Any carrier electing to pay fees under this method may, as to vehicles otherwise exempt from
 4 taxation, elect to be taxed on the mileage basis for movements of such empty vehicles over public
 5 highways whenever operations are for the purpose of repair, maintenance, servicing or moving from
 6 one exempt highway operation to another.

7 (2) The annual fees provided in subsections (1), (4) and (5) of this section may be paid on a
 8 monthly basis. Any carrier electing to pay fees under this method may not change an election during
 9 the same calendar year in which the election is made, but may be relieved from the payment due
 10 for any month on a motor vehicle which is not operated. A carrier electing to pay fees under this
 11 method shall report and pay these fees on or before the 10th of each month for the preceding
 12 month's operations. A monthly report shall be made on all vehicles on the annual fee basis including
 13 any vehicle not operated for the month.

14 (3)(a) In lieu of the fees provided in ORS 825.470 to 825.474, motor vehicles described in ORS
 15 825.024 with a combined weight of less than 46,000 pounds that are being operated under a permit
 16 issued under ORS 825.102 may pay annual fees for such operation computed at the rate of [*five*
 17 *dollars*] _____ for each 100 pounds of declared combined weight.

18 (b) The annual fees provided in this subsection shall be paid in advance but may be paid on a
 19 monthly basis on or before the first day of the month. A carrier may be relieved from the fees due
 20 for any month during which the motor vehicle is not operated for hire if a statement to that effect
 21 is filed with the Department of Transportation on or before the fifth day of the first month for which
 22 relief is sought.

23 (4)(a) In lieu of other fees provided in ORS 825.474, carriers engaged in the operation of motor
 24 vehicles equipped with dump bodies and used in the transportation of sand, gravel, rock, dirt, debris,
 25 cinders, asphaltic concrete mix, metallic ores and concentrates or raw nonmetallic products,
 26 whether crushed or otherwise, moving from mines, pits or quarries may pay annual fees for such
 27 operation computed at the rate of [*six dollars and five cents*] _____ for each 100 pounds of de-
 28 clared combined weight.

29 (b) Any carrier electing to pay fees under this method may, as to vehicles otherwise exempt for
 30 taxation, elect to be taxed on the mileage basis for movements of such empty vehicles over public
 31 highways whenever operations are for the purpose of repair, maintenance, servicing or moving from
 32 one exempt highway operation to another.

33 (5)(a) In lieu of other fees provided in ORS 825.474, carriers engaged in operating motor vehicles
 34 in the transportation of wood chips, sawdust, barkdust, hog fuel or shavings may pay annual fees for
 35 such operation computed at the rate of [*twenty-four dollars and sixty-two cents*] _____ for each 100
 36 pounds of declared combined weight.

37 (b) Any carrier electing to pay under this method may, as to vehicles otherwise exempt from
 38 taxation, elect to be taxed on the mileage basis for movement of such empty vehicles over public
 39 highways whenever operations are for the purpose of repair, maintenance, service or moving from
 40 one exempt highway operation to another.

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