

Dear sirs/madams:

I am writing to express my concerns with transportation bill HB 2017 now under consideration. Among other elements, it includes increases in vehicle title fees and vehicle sales taxes. My concerns are the following:

1. **Title and sales fees are paid only by Oregon residents, but our infrastructure should be paid for by all who use it.** Millions of people from other states drive on Oregon roads. With gas taxes and tolls, everyone pays their fair share. With these other fees, Oregon residents subsidize the recreation of the residents of other states.
2. **The bill causes disproportionate taxes to be paid by people who own a car but almost never drive.** Title fees are the same whether you drive 2,000 miles per year or 20,000 per year. I cannot fathom why someone who owns a high mileage car but rarely drives should pay higher fees than someone who drives a polluting guzzler that they drive every day. Gas taxes do a good job of having charges proportional to road use and vehicle size.

I favor higher gas taxes but lower fees as these would also be paid by residents from other states and are more fair than the proposed structure.

Respectfully,

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