

The reason I am submitting my concern over the above bills is because of the financial problems if ok'd I believe they would cause.

My company has 8 terminal locations in Oregon that are served overnight Monday thru Friday. TP Freight Lines is owned by my family and I have been president of the company for 42 years. Oregon has the highest operating taxes on trucks in the nation. The 2017 Legislature passed the Transportation Package that will increase weight – mile taxes some 53% over the next few years. The cost for health insurance for my employees, 110 of them, is paid 100% by TP Freight Lines. The cost to do business just keeps going up.

I think Oregon has done a pretty good job of significantly reducing diesel particulate matter in heavy trucks and to further tax the already high level on trucks doesn't make sense. A .16 cent per gallon tax would cost my company an additional \$53,000.00 per year.

Thank you,  
Buck Colleknon  
President  
TP Freight Lines