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The bill should be killed. If any bill affects you financially, or your taxes are being raised to pay for something, you should be able to vote on it. This emergency clause is fundamentally wrong.

Essentially, Oregon's emissions are anywhere from .02-.04% (those numbers reported on both sides)- so miniscule emissions at best. What they are proposing would be for people to purchase credits in order to continue to drive vehicles that don't meet some emissions number they have selected, so they aren't proposing ways to address or eliminate emissions, just that now you have to pay for the privilege. The tax is estimated to be an additional 22%.

This also impacts natural gas use. They have tacked on an "emergency clause" which says the implementation of the bill is an emergency and these things have to be implemented now. This effectively stops the initiative process where people could collect signatures to take it to a vote. This is NOT an emergency, its an abuse of power. Our emissions levels are well below 1% and have been since the 1990's. It is another way to collect taxes and the bill does not articulate where that tax money will go. If it is really about lowering emissions and doing what is best for the people of Oregon then they need to seriously look at the proposal Timberunity has....there is more than one way to address the issue rather than just pulling more money out of our income.

Thank you,  
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