

Dear Representatives,

I write you today to express my strong opposition to the -1 amendment of HB 2674. Our citizens don't need more taxes that are complicated and confusing. Our business owners who are trying to continually navigate rising wages, rising health care costs and uncertain market conditions don't need one more thing to take away from focusing on their business and supporting the families they employ.

I don't see that the revenue in here will go towards retrofitting the diesel engines but instead to cover administrative costs and then where? I believe that these costs will end up being passed through directly to consumers because businesses just don't have the margin any more to cover these. If this is acceptable, why don't we put a sales tax on the ballot?

Specifically targeting rental equipment seems counter intuitive. Rental, or shared economy, or circular economy, whatever you want to call it is an efficient way to have multiple people use an asset instead of everyone needing to have that same asset produced and own it outright. It is more environmentally friendly to have one shared asset and its associated impacts in production, maintenance, and disposition.

The implications for our Agriculture industries seems counterintuitive as well. Adding taxes on food producers that will increase the costs at a grocery store will end up being a tax on consumers of our products as well.

Please vote no on HB 2674.

Respectfully,

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