

Hello, I live and work in Wasco County.

I'm concerned with and oppose HB2674 as it is placing additional hardship on the areas, people and businesses of the state not impacting the areas of concern. I am giving my response personally not on behalf of the organization I work for. I am sharing my direct experience and knowledge of how HB2674 will add additional hardship.

I have seen extreme funding hits in recent years ranging from Covid-19 reducing direct income, direct County operational maintenance funding being removed (substantial impact) additional taxes added with no direct benefits received, privilege taxes imposed, transit tax imposed, minimum wage increase of over 76% since the beginning of 2009 to the end of 2021 depending on the area you are located.

Items listed in HB2674 will be another direct hardship added onto these already imposed taxes and fees. It will directly impact my place of work as we use off road diesel for the maintenance of the grounds, will be taxed on tires used on the equipment, vehicles and equipment rented then used to maintain the property for the public. These are just a few (not all inclusive) line items which will impact my place of work.

These imposed additional costs may seem minor or small on an individual basis but add up substantially when grouped together. Prices can be increased slightly for services sold to help offset some of these taxes but not entirely. Then what about the other bills which have taxed businesses listed above that this bill doesn't take into account of. This is taxing essentials for many people and struggling small businesses trying to stay afloat that are having no impact on the issue. I do not see where this addresses and shows these vehicles are the cause of and will correct the issue this bill is being imposed for.

How do these imposed taxes and programs actually resonate to the people? Added inflation and hits me directly in the form of no cost of living increase in years due to these small but invasive tax increments being imposed.

I ask that you vote NO on HB2674