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# OREGON RV DEALERS ASSOCIATION OPPOSES SENATE BILL 466

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Co-chairs Beyer and McLain and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon RV Dealers Association (ORVDA) represents franchised RV dealers across Oregon.

ORVDA opposes Senate Bill 466. SB466 creates a new “sin tax” on the registrations of responsible RV owners to pay for abandoned RV disposal. We do not support penalizing our customers – many of whom use their RVs as their primary residence, and live on fixed incomes – in an effort to make the houseless problem less visible.

Oregon does have a houselessness problem. Towing abandoned RVs might make the problem less visible as people travel along our public roads and highways, but it won’t reduce the problem. Lawmakers should focus their attention on the problem, not on highly visible symptoms.

It should be noted that the Senate Energy and Environment Committee is tackling a similar “sin tax” on Thursday. It is considering Senate Bill 840 to allow counties to create a boating registration fee to pay to dispose of derelict vessels. This is a slightly better proposal than SB466 since boat owners from across the state won’t be paying to solve a problem which does not exist in the entire state. This at least allows a local solution to a localized problem.

## Conclusion

While we acknowledge that abandoned RVs are a problem in certain areas, we do not believe SB466 is a solution that will work. We are happy to continue working with the many stakeholders – from houseless advocates to tow drivers, from dismantlers to law enforcement, from RV dealers to local governments, to search for an acceptable path forward.

ORVDA requests the Joint Transportation Committee *not* move Senate Bill 466 forward this session. I am happy to answer any questions. Thank you.