

If I were a state legislator, assigned to the challenge to draft a bill that increases emissions, road maintenance costs, ends lives, increases noise, and ignores our climate goals, I would draft HB 3065, and call it the "perfect bill". HB 3065 absolutely ignores the fact that the state is barreling out of control towards a climate catastrophe, as if we aren't already experiencing one, as shown by the great display of smoke and fire that we received last summer. If we continue to trudge down that path, we can expect that to be an annual occurrence.

This bill does absolutely nothing to break that stride. On the contrary actually, this bill shifts it into "high gear". Aside from the climate disaster, Oregon DOT, for lack of a better term, is operating a sinking ship. This ship kills hundreds each year, and instead of patching the massive holes, in her hull, saving lives, ODOT is cutting more holes, because 'someone else' (huge lobbies, the Oregon Legislature) told them to do it. If your friend tells you to jump off a bridge, would you do it? People are being killed at astonishing rates along our roadways, and all that can be offered by ODOT is "thoughts and prayers". It is utterly appalling, that during a crisis, or crises, proven solutions to resolve it are always considered "extra" or "not urgent", whilst projects to make this WORSE are being fast-tracked by the senate, house, and other branches of government, and funding is made readily available. Leaders should be ashamed.

How can you call yourself a leader if you act to destroy the lives and homes of your constituents? No wonder people are mad. This bill, under no circumstance, should be passed. It takes us in the opposite direction people such as Tina Kotek, claim to be oriented in. It's been proven time and time again that we should not trust ODOT, so why do we keep giving them money?