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As a service provider in the trucking industry, I have witnessed first hand the numerous taxes and fees levied to truck businesses and the difficulties they create. The OR WMT in particular is severely off balanced when compared to the fees related to other state distance taxes and IFTA liabilities. While IFTA can be offset by fuel purchased in the state, the OR WMT is not offset, and the across the board rate of 0.2512 for an 80k pound truck easily adds up. Reducing this to 0.14 cents will alleviate the pressure and allow a more fair charge to highway use. This would encourage business in Oregon, as the state has now earned a reputation for being expensive just to do business in for truckers.