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As far as I could determine, the only supporting voice came from the originator of the proposal, Rep. Paul Evans. And I have to admit, that the letter made sense insofar as global warming and the resulting increase in the always present wildfires require extraordinary measures and can only be addressed by additional sacrifices of everybody.

Unfortunately, the text of the proposal does not include one word of this reasoning. It is a wide stretch from public safety to firefighting, which is just a small segment of "public safety". If the proposal would be rewritten to better and concisely describe the real purpose of the tax, and if the rewrite would not include all other personal property, tangible and non-tangible, making it very much resemble a sales tax (definitely passing the duck test), I could support the proposal. As it stands, I have to oppose it.