

Submitter:	Gary Hartman
On Behalf Of:	Rural interests
Committee:	Joint Interim Committee On Transportation Funding
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	LC 2

When a fee or tax is added irrespective of how it impinges poor rural Oregonians vs. rich Portland populations it is always unfair to those in the rural areas. Like boosting car license fees or gasoline fees, these can be far more detrimental to rural Oregonians who often drive long distances in order to have a job, in addition to not having high paying jobs as many Portland and big city residents do.

Basically think of it this way: Cities have become like the kingdoms of old, they treat rural areas as peasants, demanding endless increase from those who often are at their limit. Oregon is exactly this way, demands suit the big cities while ignoring rural abilities. And doubling fees is not a reasonable answer to shortfalls, it is easy to simply pile it onto those people to avoid or ignore the root issue. When you make no effort to examine a situation and automatically add to the burden with more taxation, you have taken the easy way out.

None of us support endless arbitrary increases over and over.
And you wonder why there are people committing suicide.