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I would like to let the committee know that I strongly oppose any increase in fuel tax, registration fees, and raising the transportation tax. I am a senior citizen who lives in a rural area and have to travel 45 miles to Shop, go to Doctors appointments, take my dog to the Vet, eat at a restaurant, and get building supplies. Oregon gas tax is already too high and needs to be reduced. Any new tax or fee means I will have to do without something else. The new taxes and fees associated with this bill are too onerous and will hurt seniors and the low income the hardest. This is a regressive tax! Yet I do not want essential services to roads and highways cut. Cut the public transportation, that no one is using! for the price that we pay for busses and other public transportation, we could have each person call an uber and it would be cheaper than what we are currently paying for busses and Max. That is insane. The money that ODOT gives to tri met should be disconnected! I live rural and want to know why I should be paying for a service that no one is using, and is dangerous for the few that are using it. Look to alternatives like cutting DEI, senior officials salary's. Based on what I see they are grossly over paid. One other item is if the fuel taxes are raised it will raise the price of all things relating to transportation causing inflation in other areas. Oregon cannot afford any more inflation. also more companies and corporations will leave the state causing much higher un-employment. Other businesses will start to struggle as citizens or Oregon eat out less, buy less items at the store and in general cause a doom loop for the state of Oregon. Thank you for your time