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Funding

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Topic: LC 2

Attention Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Funding,

Thanks you for the opportunity to have input on LC 02.

Living on the North Oregon coast a majority of the traffic on roads are tourists and visitors - I support increasing the gas tax - this will allow the heaviest users of the roads to pay for the roads.

The logging and dairy trucks & local delivery business should not have to pay more unless they are from out of state.

I object to doubling the registration and title fees on utility trailers and light trailers - owners of these trailers do not use these trailers on a daily basis thus do not contribute to the wear and tear on our roads. Conversely the large motor homes/recreational vehicles should pay higher registration fees.

I strongly object to increasing payroll taxes to pay for roads. In Tillamook county I see a high number of folks who walk or ride a bike to work and are struggling to get by. I believe those who use the roads with a vehicle have the burden to pay for repairs. As a senior I do not drive much and my fixed income does not keep pace with cost of living for food and housing.

I support increasing registration fees but not a doubling - please consider 25 - 35% increase. Farmers and ranchers in Tillamook county need a variety of vehicles and increasing their costs only increases our cost of food - I see many seniors who are not able to afford quality food at the grocery store at present. Further impoverishing the elderly means the community will have a greater financial burden to assist the increasing elderly population who are no longer able to work and receive meager social security or retirement monies.

The majority of population on the coast is not young working families.

According to research electric vehicles are heavier and cause more damage to roads - increases should be based on wear and tear and not penalize green energy users.

Some of the Fees for charging stations should go to roads.

I strongly urge the legislators to consider more toll roads especially I- 5 corridor. This may help reduce excessive speeding, earlier recognition of trafficking people and drugs and possible reduce accidents of sleepy drivers. Even random toll stations could bring substantial revenue.

Again I support a modest increase in registration & title fees, an increase gas/fuel tax (for electric vehicles charging station fees need to go to roads), NO increase in payroll taxes,.

I also recommend retaining the railroad lines to offset the Pacific Coast highway

traffic. I don't support any fees based on miles driven.

thanks for considering my input