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Funding
Measure, Appointment or Topic: LC 2

I heartily disagree with Act proposed LC 2 in 2025 1st Special Session. This is "A BILL FOR AN ACT", Relating to transportation; creating new provisions; amending (numerous) ORS.

As a disabled veteran retired on fixed income I'm finding I will NOT be able to afford my home, utilities, medical, and food cost with these proposed new increased fees and taxations. I see buried in this Governor's 91 page transportation bill is Section 12 - Unelected ODOT bureaucrats will be given power to raise gas taxes and truck fees — automatically — starting in 2030. It's called fee equity.

Every two years a study measures whether cars and trucks are "paying their fair share." If the Legislature doesn't act within 120 days, ODOT must step in and adjust fuel taxes and weight-mile rates by rule. No vote. No accountability.

This is a dangerous precedent. Oregon's Constitution requires a 3/5ths vote to raise taxes. But this scheme sidesteps that protection by letting bureaucrats new increased fees alone and without citizen input.

I heartily disagree with Act proposed LC 2 and see there is gross buried on mature seniors economics. Social Security yearly increases NEVER keep up with the annual inflation, so our dollars are always shrinking. More than 10% of my gross income goes to maintain my property tax payments. This percentage always grows year to year, so at some point I will not be able to afford to own my own home. Where will I go then? IF the legislators of Oregon are elected to keep its citizens safe and secure in their businesses, homes, and schools then please do NOT continue pushing Act proposed LC 2 . Forcing one out of their own home due to new increased fees and taxation in our senior years is nothing short of thief by Oregon government. Please be wise and compassionate to the pioneers that have served and grown this beautiful Oregon state by stopping Act proposed LC 2.