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I oppose this tax bill, it will add even more taxes to our already overtaxed citizens in Oregon!

It will add the following:

- ? Adds \$0.06 to the gas tax
- Adds \$139 to title fees
- ? Adds \$42 to registration fees
- ? Doubles the payroll tax for the State Transportation Improvement Fund
- ? New \$30 registration fee for EVs and fuel efficient vehicles
- ? Creates a Road User Charge (RUC) for EVs, Hybrids, and other fuel efficient vehicles.
- ? Empowers unelected bureaucrats at DAS to adjust gas taxes without legislative consent - meaning your taxes could go up without a single vote from the legislature!

I live in Grants Pass and I am deeply concerned about the transportation tax bill. Families like mine are already stretched thin. Any additional taxes and fees would make daily life unaffordable. Just like my family has had to, ODOT must also tighten its belt. ODOT should refocus its spending and prioritize keeping Oregonians safe on the road. Please consider alternatives that don't financially punish Oregonians!

ODOT can and should refocus their spending to prioritize core road maintenance – fill the potholes, plow the snow, and most importantly, keep Oregonians safe. With billion-dollar budget blunders, misguided priorities, runaway costs and unfinished projects, ODOT must focus on rebuilding trust with Oregonians before asking them to write a blank check!