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I finished the DRAFT transportation bill that is to be considered in the 2025 Special Session. Here are some observations. First, I have no knowledge about the operation of the ODOT or the laws and rules that govern its operation. However;

1. This is much more than a bill to increase rates. This bill contains many changes (amendments) to the 54 ORSs that appear to govern the operation of the ODOT. It is odd to me that what has been proposed as a bill to increase income covers what appears to be nearly every aspect of the ODOT operation.
 2. This bill moves the appointment of the ODOT director from the Transportation Commission to the governor. (Consolidation of power)
 3. This bill directs the ODOT to conduct the type of studies, analysis, and evaluations that I believe would typically be included in the routine management of this type of organization.
 4. There is no mention of how much money will be collected if this bill passes.
 5. The bill has a provision that gives the ODOT the authority to adjust fuel tax rates if the "highway cost allocation report" indicates a need for a rate increase and the legislature fails to do so within 120 days after the report has been published.
- My Conclusion – This is bad legislation. Please do not pass this legislation!