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The one positive I garnered from LC0001 is the appointment of Continuous Improvement Committee. it is my hope that this committee will be using a Lean Six Sigma professional to work with the committee. I have seen this work in my prior life and it is very effective.

I could live with the 6 cent increase in fuel tax, if that was the only increase; however, the increase in other fees are basically a double (or triple) fee. I.e. the per mile charge, for those of us that live in Eastern Oregon, we are paying the fuel tax, and so this fee would be in addition. For those of us in central and eastern Oregon, we do drive a lot more than the west side, due to getting to health care, pharmacies, grocery stores, work, etc. The fees that are being increased should not be done so at such a dramatic increase. Why couldn't it be based on a cost of living increase? Much more palatable to residents.

Again, please take into account the amount as Oregonians we are already paying in taxes (even though we are supposed to be a state without a sales tax), and how it affects all of the state, not just the majority of the ones on the west side - we on the East Side count as well.

Thank you for your consideration in not just passing the bill as presented.

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