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Consumption taxes, like all taxes, are regressive and will disproportionately burden low-income and working poor families.

For example, nearly all jobs with hybrid or remote work options are moderately well-paid, and this tax will not burden those people to the same degree as a teacher or transportation or retail worker who has to show up daily to work.

If it were up to me, I would leave the gas tax and passenger registration fees where they are.

I would rather the legislature shift moneys around and away from programs that are more lofty ideal than practical policy and implement a progressive tax-structure to the existing payroll tax such that low-income and working families are not carrying the brunt of the tax burden.

Perhaps, increase the payroll tax to 0.15% for people making less than \$40k, and 0.25% for the \$40k-\$70k range, and 0.35% for the next bracket and so on. Having a progressive tax structure is the only way I can get behind new or increased taxes so that the burden is fairly distributed across incomes.