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NO to new taxes and higher fees!!! Liberal democrats are the biggest cause of poverty and homelessness in this state. This would make matters worse. Buried in the 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.

Here's how it works: 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 do the dirty work for politicians who don't want to take a tough vote.

Bottom line: taxes will go up without a single elected official ever casting a vote.