

To the OTD committee members,

I am a senior citizen who lives in Forest Grove Oregon. I am one of many who would suffer if this bill passes. As a Citizen of the United States and a resident who lived in the state of Oregon for 45 years this is a very weighty tax bill that is not only an overreach in taxes but is a bill that gives too much power to the Governor of Oregon.

ODT has more than enough money; they just need to cut back like the rest of us citizens of Oregon have done. We do not need 800 million dollars spent on EV buses when ridership is down 30% due to the state not dealing with the crime issue on these buses. ODT top leaders do not need 6 figure incomes that we are paying for, nor does the 1 Billion of misplaced funds which ODT has misplaced and should be held accountable for not the taxpayer or even the Governor.

A 6 cent gas tax increase on top of what we are now paying is only going to lead to an increase on basic needs like food? As a state we are the 6<sup>th</sup> highest gas taxed states in the union. Families in our state have two people working can barely keep up this will put them over the edge.

And I am not done: A raise on the cost of registration of vehicles, including mopeds, motorcycles and utility trailers, title fees, and double the statewide transportation tax only adds to the burden of taxes that are already increasing in our state.

This does not count that the Governor wants to take control of ODT. And the fact we would lose free enterprise taking away the vote of the people.

Please listen to the cry of the people and have mercy on us by voting no on this bill.

Save Oregon from this horrible bill.