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I oppose HB 2025 LC2

I do not oppose the bill because I don't see ODOT's and the community's needs. I care about people and want them to keep their jobs. There has to be a way. I am just tired of the use of the hammer as the only tool in our tool belt.

I appreciate hearing the history of ODOT's budget and the multiple questions and perspectives shared today.

This came to mind as I thought about my stance on the bill:
Taxes have been the tool to generate revenue since circa 1913. Imagine if we still used the same sanitation system from 1913?

Are we due for new ideas? New solutions?

I've heard today that the problem is loss of revenue due to decreased consumption and you've been working on the issue for several years. Cuts and reallocating money seem to be the 2 solutions explored.

What about producing revenue vs taking it from the people. You know, kinda like the stock market invests, stockholders invest, people invest to raise revenue. Please stop reallocating money from The People's pockets to fund that which could be funded by fund generation.

Get a hybrid vehicle. Get an EV, It will help the environment I was told. Shoot, here's a rebate. Fast forward to now, where I am the bad guy, fined, taxed. Clawed that rebate back. Please stop pitting The People against each other. Please start using innovation to generate viable solutions. I can't help but wonder if ODOT is being mostly impacted by the Federal dollars currently being withheld vs all of the reasons being thrown around?

Well, some of us are strategically getting rid of our cars in order to survive so I guess that'll be even less consumption.

How about getting ideas from other states? Are there financial advisors who help ODOT and Oregon increase revenue?

In conclusion, I call attention to the classification between those who drove a long way vs those who live closer or are on video. Are we prioritizing some citizens over others and giving more power to some citizens than others. Please explain why we are doing this because, in my view, we are all connected and in this together.