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I was very disappointed in the legislature's failure to pass the transportation package that was presented during this year's regular session. Given that, I support passing this bill, but only as a stopgap measure so that our public transit systems and ODOT remain functional and don't have to lay-off employees with critical functions. But, I really want to see our legislators put more effort and money into supporting public transit, movement to electric vehicles and safe walking and biking systems for all of us. We should be working to reduce the impact of transportation on our climate and reduce the number of pedestrian and bicyclist deaths and injuries due to the lack of safe infrastructure in our cities and towns. I believe that drivers and trucking companies need to pay the costs of using our roads, but I am concerned that raising title fees will hit low-income Oregonians harder than others, because it is more likely they will purchase and license used cars which means more frequent purchases than people who can afford new cars will make.