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I am opposed to LC 2.

I am against raising the fuel tax, vehicle registration fees, and the transit payroll tax. This bill needs to be broken down into smaller bills and each individual item voted on by the people or at the very least, the legislature. EV's need to pay their fair share, but that should be a tax that the people vote on not a fee that kicks in years from now when the gas tax would increase immediately. Why should hybrid and EV owners not have to pay their fair share for 6 more years?

There is no justification in raising the title and registration fees and more than doubling the registration fees for utility and light trailers is certainly uncalled for. Most utility and light trailers are on the road less than a dozen times a year so the State of Oregon is basically taxing citizens to own a trailer that is not on the road 99% of its' life.

The payroll tax should not be doubled and again and should be taken to the voters if the Governor wants to raise it.

Section 12 should scare all Oregonians and LC 2 should not be passed if for no other reason than section 12. We currently have some recourse when our voted in representatives vote to raise taxes and fees against our wishes, but if LC 2 passes the people will have no recourse when unelected ODOT employees raise the fuel tax or weight-mile rates. If you think fuel is expensive in Oregon now, just wait and see what happens when unelected "officials" raise the fuel tax every other year. It is noteworthy that there is no limit indicated in LC 2 so these taxes can be raised to whatever amount is deemed appropriate.

Do not allow this to pass. It will further erode the livability in Oregon and take more power away from the citizens and voters of Oregon.