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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation
Funding

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I want to express my thoughts on the massive tax increase proposed by the Governor. I am a solid NO on this proposal.

I oppose this tax increase with extreme prejudice.

I strongly recommend a NO vote on the Special session request from the Governor to complete one of the largest tax increases in Oregon history. The idea that we should permanently penalize Oregon citizens with these tax and fee increases because of, once again, incompetence, and negligence of elected and appointed government officials at the highest level of Oregon Government is outrageous. The mismanagement of the Transportation Department borders on mal-practice. The department needs to SHRINK, not absorb more of the State Budget.

If you can't find the votes to defeat this ridiculous proposal perhaps you can make it a temporary tax to expire within 1 year. This will demand actual solutions to the problem without straddling Oregonians with yet another permanent added expense to their lives for the sole purpose of continuing to fund a corrupted, ineffective, poorly managed disaster of a State function. Also, a KEY requirement for passage of ANY tax increase because of mis-management of an organization MUST require the termination of the head of that organization.

thank you