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I am opposed to HB3362 because of the use of the tax proceeds for tire pollution and wildlife, and rail. Any and I mean ANY tax on tires should ONLY go toward improving the roads that said "tired" vehicle travels. Additionally the tax should be on any tires including bicycle tires. Bicycles get a tremendous amount of money spent on bike lanes etc. with no actual cost being paid for by the bicycle rider. Any tax on tires should also include a reduction/elimination of the tax on fuels (gas, diesel). Currently EV (electric vehicles) only pay \$100 a year to the state in the form of tax. EV's clearly do not pay for the roads they use- the bulk of funds come from those using traditional fuels. In this situation a tire tax is more equitable because it is paid on tires and not only does everybody pay but also each person pays in proportion to the amount they drive. (As tires wear out and have to be replaced) The only way a tire tax would be fair is if it was applied to every tire: auto, truck ,EV, bicycle, motorcycle, scooter, etc. Any only if the fuel tax was removed. And only if all of the tax goes to road repair and maintenance. Otherwise you have the poorest of people paying both a fuel tax (their older vehicles get less MPG) and a tire tax, while those wealthier people who can afford an EV are only paying a tire tax.

This is a terrible idea because it does nothing to maintain and rebuild the current roads. It is another misguided effort to solve non-existent problems while overlooking the obvious. Shame on you.