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Funding
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3991

I am writing as a concerned Oregonian to express my strong opposition to HB 3991. This legislation represents yet another example of poor accountability and rushed policymaking at the expense of taxpayers.

One of the most troubling aspects of this bill is the disclaimer: “May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.” How can lawmakers responsibly vote on a bill without a clear fiscal impact statement? Transparency is non-negotiable, and Oregonians deserve to know exactly how much this will cost before it becomes law.

Beyond the lack of accountability, HB 3991 places additional burdens on residents through higher transportation taxes, new fees, and costly surcharges—all while failing to address the root issues of mismanagement and shortfalls in our transportation system. Once again, the solution offered is to tax the people rather than fix structural problems.

Governor Tina Kotek’s approach to this situation underscores a lack of leadership. Instead of engaging with constituents and creating a plan rooted in public input, she is rushing a pared-down version of her original proposal in a special session, prioritizing quick fixes over long-term solutions. This is not leadership—it is self-serving politics that ignores the financial and safety concerns of Oregon residents.

Public safety and transportation infrastructure should be top priorities, but this bill does nothing to ensure accountability in spending or protect Oregonians from future crises. We need comprehensive reform, transparent fiscal reporting, and true leadership that listens to the people—not constant tax hikes to cover government shortcomings.

I strongly urge you to reject HB 3991 and instead commit to:

- Full and transparent fiscal impact statements before any vote
- Open legislative hearings with real public participation
- Accountability and structural reforms, not patchwork tax increases
- A commitment to public safety and responsible long-term planning

Oregonians are tired of being treated like an endless source of revenue. We deserve better. Please stand with your constituents and vote NO on HB 3991.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter.